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INDIANA BLACK EXPO EMPOWERING AND FUN

2005 SUMMER CELEBRATION AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

By any measure, organizing a 10-day series of expositions, concerts, summits, luncheons, seminars, fairs, workshops, community worship services and other events is no easy task.

However, 19 staff members of Indiana Black Expo and a host of committed volunteers not only

pulled it off, but made new achievements in the process.

As a result, the 2005 Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration was an affair to remember for tens of thousands of Indiana residents as well as out-of-town visitors.

“It was absolutely great,” said Joyce Rogers, president and CEO of the Indiana Black Expo (IBE). “I think that we were truly blessed to have a really good 10 days.”

Although IBE events have gained considerable attention every year for the past three decades, observers were particularly watchful of the outcome of this year's Summer Celebration because it represented a milestone and transition.

First, 2005 has marked IBE's 35th anniversary, as a non-profit

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Birth control patch linked to higher death rate

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

The Ortho Evra birth control patch could be more dangerous than initially reported.

Though the Food and Drug Administration and patch-maker Ortho McNeil saw warning signs of possible problems with the patch before it hit the market, both maintain that the patch is as safe as the birth control pill.

Yet, FDA reports obtained by the Associated Press appear to indicate that in 2004 – when 800,000 women were using the patch – the risk of dying or suffering a survivable blood clot while using the method was about three times higher than while using birth control pills.

According to AP, the deaths of a dozen people, all who died last year, could be linked to the patch.

The women who died were young – in their late teens and early 20s – and apparently at low risk for blood clots.

One such woman, Zakiya Kennedy, an 18-year-old Manhattan fashion student collapsed and died in a New York subway station last April. Also, Sasha Webber, a 25-year-old mother of two from Baychester, N.Y., died of a heart attack after six weeks on the patch last March.

Some health care professionals say that women who are currently using the patch or thinking about using the patch shouldn't worry.

Cathy Hannels, a nurse practitioner and senior director of medical services for Planned Parenthood of Indiana says skeptics should look more closely at the report.

“I think you have to look at what those reports are saying,” she said. “The FDA director of the Division for Reproductive and Urological Drug Products (Dr. Daniel Shames) has said he doesn't see that there is any cause for alarm. As far as the risk of blood clots, we are not aware at this time that the risk of clots with Ortho Evra is necessarily any higher than that with the other combined hormonal methods. There are a lot of factors that we don't know about this reporting.”

Some doctors said that they would have expected some deaths and no investigation is warranted. They say that more than 4 million women have safely used the patch and note that the FDA reports are called in voluntarily, rather than gathered scientifically.

“It doesn't jump out at me to say, ‘Let's look at this any further,’” said Dr. Steven J. Sondheimer, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Pennsylvania. “I don't feel that these need to be looked at in any detail.”

Though Ortho McNeil says that none of the deaths can be directly attributed to the patch, AP found that before the patch was approved, the FDA had already noticed nonfatal blood clots from the patch

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NEWS BRIEFS

Library changes renewal policy

Library patrons are now allowed unlimited renewals of print and non-print materials other than adult feature DVDs under a revised policy announced by the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library.

Effective the beginning of July, unlimited renewals are allowed on borrowed materials, such as books, audiocassettes, music CDs, VHS titles, and juvenile and non-feature DVDs, as long as they're not being requested by other patrons.

In the past, print and audio-visual materials, other than adult feature DVDs, were restricted to 15 renewals, due to occasional misuse of the privilege by some library users and a concern about their availability for other patrons. The library will address concerns of abuse with patrons on an individual basis.

Renewals and holds are unavailable for adult feature DVDs under a policy, which provides for greater accessibility of items in this highly-popular format. The policy limits the loan period for adult feature DVDs to three days.

Shattering the silence

“Shattering the Silence” Community Day, a campaign to bring awareness about domestic violence, will be held at the Indianapolis City Market on Tuesday, July 26 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The free event is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis and WTHR Channel 13. To RSVP e-mail bm@dvimgi.org or call (317) 475-6110.

Cedrick Florence (left) emotionally accepted an award on behalf of his deceased father Johnny Florence, past president of the Gary Chapter of Indiana Black Expo. IBE Chairman of the Board Arvis Dawson presented the award to Florence. (Photo/C. Guynn)



Indiana charter schools show mixed results of requirements

■ Achievement scores for majority of Hoosier charter schools are meeting the state standards.

By **ERICKA C. WHEELER**
Staff Writer

As parents begin to zero in on a school for their children's 2005-2006 academic year, new Indiana charter schools have been added to the list of educational training sites.

Nearly eight new Indiana charter schools will open in August – three of which will open in Indianapolis.

Of the 30 total Indiana charter schools, 13 of them have become established with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and have test results available for public viewing.

Since the 2001 incorporation of the No Child Left Behind Act, IDOE has been required to track the overall student progress by schools and corporations. IDOE does this through its annual Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports.

The results track each school and corporation's stu-

dents by their ethnicity, economic background, and limited proficiency in English and special education status. The 2004 reports show that over half of the schools in Indiana are meeting state standards.

“The majority of our students continued to make AYP, even though we doubled the number of grades and students tested,” said Dr. Suellen Reed, superintendent of public instruction. “Furthermore, the vast majority of our schools that did not make AYP missed the mark in only one or two areas.”

Like any school district, parents inquire about the teachers, curriculum, other students and activities available at each school. While a majority of Indiana's charter schools are succeeding, a handful of those schools are planning to restructure their curriculums.

Schools that have failed to meet the standards of AYP have either “not met one or more student performance targets” (English, math and other) or they have been unable to meet the required “95 percent participation and attendance/graduation rates for any student groups with 40 or more students.”

Of the 13 charters schools' AYP results reported in 2004, five of those schools did not meet the AYP standards by either one or both of the requirements. One of those was Flanner House Higher Learning. It fell below passing in English and math, passed the participation requirement, but failed overall.

“We know that we have some work to do, but you also have to consider that these students are new to our program and 2004 was our first year for working with them, not saying that is an excuse,” said Cynthia Diamond director of the Flanner House.

Flanner House was not alone, Charter School of the Dunes, located in Lake County, held the same outcome for the 2004 school year. Thea Bowman Leadership in Lake County, Options Charter School in Carmel, and Camagna Academy in Schererville, all passed the English portion, but failed in math and failed the AYP overall.

“For the most part charter schools in urban Indiana serve a higher percentage of minorities in public education. Most of the kids who come into charter schools are already academically behind before they even start a charter school,” said Ron Gibson, president of the Charter Schools Association of Indiana. There is no excuse for failing charter schools,

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Name	Location	Attendance	English	Math	Overall
21st Century Charter	Indianapolis	100	Green	Green	Green
Andrew J. Brown Academy	Indianapolis	151	Green	Green	Green
Camagna Academy	Schererville	11	Green	Red	Red
Charter of the Dunes	Gary	175	Red	Red	Red
Community Montessori	Floyds Knobs	44	Green	Green	Green
Flanner House Elementary	Indianapolis	102	Green	Green	Green
Flanner House Higher Ed.	Indianapolis	9	Red	Red	Red
Irrington Community	Indianapolis	70	Green	Green	Green
New community	West Lafayette	32	Green	Green	Green
Options Charter School	Carmel	35	Green	Red	Red
Signature Learning Center	Evansville	65	Green	Green	Green
Thea Bowman Leadership	Gary	219	Green	Red	Red
Veritas Academy	South Bend	39	Green	Green	Green
Green- Indicates passing					
Red- Indicates failing					

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IBE President's Reception



The Caribbean Flava stilt walkers from the UniverSoul Circus entertained patrons during the Indiana Black Expo President's Reception in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center.



Indiana Black Expo President Joyce Rogers (left) and Arvis Dawson (right), chairman of the Board of Directors of IBE, present Dr. Virginia Caine with a framed African art piece. (Photos/C. Guynn)



Volunteer recognition
The United Way Minority Volunteer Recognition Breakfast was held at the Sagamore Ballroom inside the Indiana Convention Center during the Summer Celebration. Pamala Morris (left), breakfast committee chair, is pictured with attorney Fay Williams, the event's guest speaker. (Photo/C. Guynn)

Town hall meeting



Left to right: Sharon Johnson, Glendal Jones, Dr. Jackie Greenwood, and state Rep. Vanessa Summers, D-Indianapolis, had a panel discussion about the State of Black Youth report at a town hall meeting. The event was held in the Sagamore Ballroom during the 35th Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration.



Rep. William Crawford, D-Indianapolis, and Keni Washington talk after the conclusion of this year's town hall meeting. The meeting featured a presentation from Judge Glenda A. Hatchett. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Exhibition hall



Father Kenneth Taylor (left), Romona Powell (center) and Fred Evans engage in conversation at the booths in the exhibit halls during IBE Summer Celebration.



Arthur Carter, Sr. (left) and Josephine Holder are ready to greet Summer Celebration attendees visiting the Indianapolis chapter of Tuskegee Airmen booth. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Arts Pavilion reception

Inna's Recipe, painted by Fatimah Tuggar, was displayed during the Cultural Arts Pavilion opening reception in the Indiana Convention Center. (Photo/C. Guynn)



Fatimah Tuggar

Corporate Luncheon



Actor and comedian Don "DC" Curry (left) shares a laugh with Addison Simpson during the Corporate Luncheon in the RCA Dome.

Music Heritage Festival II



Indiana Black Expo Director of Special Projects Kara Endsley (left) and Darrin Henson from the Showtime series "Soul Food" take a break during the Music Heritage Festival concert.



Bruce Bryant (left) of Promotus Advertising and comedian René Hicks wait backstage during the concert at the American Legion Mall.



Guitarist Reggie Griffin (left), and his brother Thomas, a local entertainment personality, enjoy the concert with their mother Geneva. (Photos/J. Hurst)

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EXPO

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community organization, making it one of the longest lasting entities of its kind in the nation. Additionally, last week's Summer Celebration was the first without the presence of Rev. Charles Williams, who guided IBE during an era of growth for 21 years before his death last year.

But in a celebration that Rogers described as "free of negatives," IBE generated gains and accomplishments that would perhaps bring a smile and joy to Williams.

Rogers said IBE officials are most proud of introducing the Rev. Charles Williams Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit. The \$275,000 vehicle is equipped to test individuals in the community for cancer, diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol, HIV/AIDS and osteoporosis.

"Truly the number one blessing for us was being able to unveil that unit because the success of that and how it will help people who need those services is much bigger than just IBE," said Rogers.

IBE also unveiled its first State of the Black Youth report, which community leaders hope will provide information that could be helpful in determining a strategy for empowering Black youth.

"We're able to receive some really great ideas and we look forward to working with communities across the state to implement those ideas for change and really take a look at issues raised in the report," Rogers stated.

To celebrate its 35th anniversary, IBE invited an impressive list of guests, including artist Annie Lee, author E. Lynn Harris and most notably, President George W.

Bush.

During his address to a packed audience during IBE's Corporate Luncheon, Bush discussed entrepreneurship, increased home ownership among African Americans, Social Security, economic growth and the war on terrorism and chose the event as the first place to announce new statistics highlighting increased academic achievement among students.

He congratulated IBE for 35 years and lauded it as an example of organizations that can deliver positive changes to American society.

Although his visit came as a curious surprise to most in the local community, it will likely be helpful in raising IBE to a level of national prominence and can serve as a green light for potential national sponsors outside the state.

"The presidential visit has already helped us receive the national and regional exposure that we have never had before," said Rogers.

Having a U.S. president appear at Summer Celebration for the first time in its history was definitely a major coup, but Rogers noted that it wasn't the only highlight IBE has categorized as a step forward.

They have also pointed to a rise in attendance for the 5-mile Race Against Prostate Cancer at the Indiana War Memorial, a \$100,000 donation from Emmis Communications and Radio One and massive turnout during the spiritual gatherings, including the Celebration of Praise Church Service and the Gospel Explosion.

Organizers noticed an increased level of interest in the

Cultural Arts Pavilion, which has grown significantly and featured more presentations this time than events in previous years.

"The response I have received from many people is that they really enjoyed it," said Donna Lucas, a partner on the committee that organized the Cultural Arts Pavilion. "Some of them said it reminded them of what Black Expo used to be like, and I thought that was interesting."

Lucas added that overall, every committee of volunteers with IBE, including her, worked just as hard as they always have in producing quality events.

"The Summer Celebration is a major undertaking, and when you deal with that many people it's hard to please everyone," she said. "But you just do the best you can with the resources, funds, time and manpower that you have and hope that everyone will have a good time."

Although gratified by the success of the first Summer Celebration occurring under her leadership, Rogers said the time of rest for her and her staff will be short. They are already making preparations for IBE events held during the remainder of the year as well as the 2006 Summer Celebration.

"I'm thinking about next year," Rogers said, laughing. "The first thing you do after something like this is you thank God for the blessing and I've continuously done that. But then you move on and ask him to stay with you as you enter into your planning for the next few years."

RESULTS

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they "need to step up in terms of improving overall performance of kids. At the same token Flanner House has a different clientele. These are kids that have already dropped out or are at-risk to drop out, and the dynamics to keeping these kids engaged is a little more challenging."

Of the mayor sponsored charter schools, in the 2003-2004 school year, 73 percent of the students were African American compared to IPS at 58 percent, and statewide 12 percent. Ball State sponsored charter schools had 74 percent African American, for both entities a large percentage of the children qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Of those 13 Indiana charter schools none were put on the improvement status list. Some 32 Indiana schools, up 12.8 percent from last school year, will remain in improvement status until two consecutive years of adequate AYP results are recorded.

"I think you will find as time goes on that the evidence will be shown as far as achievement. I think the social, economic and most significant thing is that they are so far behind is a challenge," Gibson said.

Changes are already in place to ensure that these five charter schools meet AYP standards and ensure that the remaining

charter schools continue to succeed. Charter schools sponsored by Mayor Bart Peterson's office and Ball State University mandated students to take additional standardized tests. For the 2005-2006, some 28 Indiana charter schools will be taking not only the I-STEP but also a fall and spring installment test from the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), which measures the progress of the student throughout the year on a state and national basis. The NWEA is able to pinpoint students in the areas of math, English and language arts.

"We want to be more accountable. We think that we need additional standardized testing to be more accountable to the public in terms of improving student learning," Gibson said. "If you look at most of our schools, they are making progress in Indiana. The I-STEP score is low, but the real measure is are they making progress year by year - and yes they are."

Of the 13 2004 reported AYP charter schools eight of them passed all AYP requirements. Of those accomplished charter schools is one of the mayor's first sponsored school - 21st Century Charter, which will relocate from its Union Station location to its newly built Fall Creek and College Avenue site.

PATCH

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were three times that of the pill. The AP then examined what has actually happened since the birth control came on the market and found that deaths also appear to be at least three times as high.

If you are a woman taking the pill who doesn't smoke and is under 35, the chance that you are going to have a blood clot that doesn't kill you is between 1 and 3 in 10,000. Your risk of dying from a blood clot while using the pill is about 1 in 200,000.

By contrast, with the patch, the rate of non-fatal blood clots was about 12 out of 10,000 users during the clinical trials, while the rate of deaths appears to be 3 out of 200,000 the AP reported.

"Although we are investigating each and every one of the reports that we get, we have not drawn any casual relationships to the medication," said Dr. Katherine LaGuardia, Ortho McNeil's director of women's health care.

Hansell says that many of the women could have had co-factors or complicating risk factors that they didn't inform their physician of when they decided to use the patch.

The chances of developing serious health problems increases with age over 35 and when certain health risk factors are present such as smoking, high blood pressure, high levels of blood cholesterol of fat and diabetes.

You should not use the patch if you have had, now have or may have in the future risk

factors for a heart attack; a heart attack, angina or certain types of strokes; serious problems of your heart valves; blood clots in the veins or arteries; serious liver disease; headaches with numbness or weakness in arms or legs; headaches with vision problems, speech problems, or feeling as if the room is spinning; prolonged bedrest after major surgery or yellow jaundice that occurred with a prior pregnancy or with birth control pill use.

"The thing that concerns me is that we don't want to cause alarm and have patients going off a method that his highly effective and then having an unplanned pregnancy," Hansell said. "We know that an unplanned pregnancy is much more risky. We don't want people to over react."

Shames, who approved the agency's medical review, said he has reviewed cases of women who died using the patch and saw no cause for alarm either.


"We think the death rate here is a concern, but it's not different than what we expect," he said. "As of right now we still believe there's nothing that would precipitate our doing anything additional to follow up on these reports."

Still, other doctors say if a woman who is using the patch has any concerns or questions she should consult her physician.

Information from the Associated Press was used in this article.

welcome back

INROADS INTERN DAVID MCGILL



Duke Realty Corporation is proud to welcome back David McGill as an INROADS intern. His internship for summer 2005 will be spent in Indianapolis working in the Accounting department. This is David's second summer as a Duke INROADS intern.

Duke has a total of nine INROADS interns within its organization for 2005.


David attends Indiana University and is pursuing his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He is a member of the Hudson Holland Scholarship Program, Kelley Emerging Leaders, as well as the Student Accounting Society.

INROADS Indiana is part of a national not-for-profit career development organization that recruits outstanding minority students for one- to five-year paid internships. More than 40 Indiana corporations, including Duke, will employ over 70 college interns this summer. Nationally, the number exceeds 660 organizations and more than 5,500 interns.


"The best part of being in INROADS is having a chance to work with great people," says David. "With the help of this organization, I was able to land a fun but challenging internship with Duke Realty Corporation."


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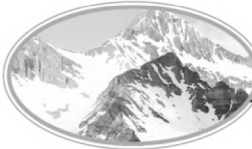





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EDUCATION DOES MATTER

How much longer will Black be in Black Expo?

By LEROY ROBINSON



Another Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration has passed, along with a visit from President Bush, the State of Our Black Youth Report, the Health Fair, the Cultural Arts Pavilion, the business seminars, the introduction of Indiana and Purdue University into the IBE strategic plans, the celebrity basketball game, the comedy shows, the concerts, and the film festival.

As the locals wind down from the highly intensive days of the Summer Celebration and the staff and volunteers of Indiana Black Expo take some time to relax, it is also time for a little reflection to what IBE has become and where IBE is headed.

First and foremost, it is no secret that the Indiana BLACK Expo title has a very short lifespan remaining. It is clear that the title "Summer Celebration" is being pushed upon the community and being pushed upon us for a reason. Soon, similar to the way President Bush was thrust upon our community as a Lifetime Achievement Award winner, the title Summer Celebration will be thrust upon us well.

There could be a variety of reasons why the leadership of IBE would like to rid themselves of the "BLACK" in their title name, but the most likely reason is that more sponsors would come on board if the "Summer Celebration" event encouraged, displayed, and promoted more diversity throughout the 10-day celebration.

If there was a Hispanic or Latino wing in Hall A, a Jewish Holocaust display in

Hall B, a Caribbean historic exhibit in the Cultural Arts Pavilion, an International or Multicultural display in the 500 Ballroom, that features and incorporates "all" cultures throughout the world, and an African art, history, and research exhibit in the front entrance, this may garner sponsorship dollars from a larger array of potential businesses, corporations, and philanthropic institutions.

OK, maybe the African exhibit is a little too much, since IBE seems to be moving away from the "Black" ideology in an effort to raise more funds and reach a more diverse audience, focusing on Africa may not be the best direction for them to go. Diversity, multiculturalism, inclusion and acceptance are the buzzwords of the day.

The closer your organization can move towards the middle of the pendulum, include all and exclude none, the greater the chances of receiving monetary support from a larger variety of money givers.

Although being "Black" is what helped IBE get to the point where they could even extend an invitation to a sitting U.S. president, this ideology is no longer popular, nor accepted by those outside of our community. By having the term "Black" in their title, IBE could be losing millions of sponsorship dollars.

It would be much easier to sell the 10-day event to corporate sponsors with a title like, "Summer Celebration, where we celebrate the diversity in all people, regardless of race, creed, or color."

Just think of the possibilities of having a statewide celebration of diversity...Blacks, whites, Jews, Latinos, Italians, Chinese, Haitians, Koreans, Canadians, and even gays and lesbians. Remember, diversity, inclusion and acceptance is what brings in the corporate dollars...but

only when the alternative is being Black.

Being "Black" is fading fast. Whether it is the afros, the micro braids, the Black power salute, the dashikis, or the medallions, promoting Black culture, Black thinking, Black history, or Black acceptance is no longer popular or rewarding. When we speak about "being Black," we have to whisper or only speak in circles of friends who think like we do.

There was a time when the Indiana Black Expo was centered on Black culture, Black expression, Black empowerment, Black achievement, Black owned businesses, Black exhibits, and Black ideology. Corporate sponsors now drive the decision making of IBE, which forces them to give President Bush the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The community owned businesses, organizations, and institutions that are Black owned and operated have no place in the Summer Celebration. They have been replaced with white owned businesses and corporations that hire Black employees and who enjoy showing you their diversity by requiring all of their Black employees to work the booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Simply put, go to IBE's Web site or request a sponsorship package and witness how the Indiana Black Expo is being sold to potential sponsors. Witness how the event that our community has built, supported, and maintained is being sold right under our noses.

The word "Black" is never mentioned in any of the sponsorship packages, the word African American is mentioned only once in the title of an event, and the word or words "diversity" and a "diverse audience" is mentioned over and over

again. It appears that there has been a decision made to move away from the fact that over 99.9 percent of the target audiences that these sponsors will be marketing to are Black.

But somehow, you would never gather that from reading the sponsorship packages available for potential money givers. Similar to BET, FUBU, and commentator Armstrong Williams, IBE seems to be headed in the same direction, which allows the influence of the money giver to dictate the direction in which they will go, while sadly taking the often ill-advised, uninformed and unempowered BLACK community along for the ride.

"Family Education and Empowerment Forum: Reaching African American Families and Achieving Student Academic Success," recorded live at the Madame Walker Theatre, DVD/VHS video can be ordered and purchased for \$10, by contacting the IPS Office of Multicultural Education at (317) 226-2430. Or send your request to: educationdoesmatter@hotmail.com.

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FANTASTIC SAVINGS!

EDITORIAL

Bittersweet thoughts of Expo 2005

By SHANNON WILLIAMS
Recorder Editor

A week after President George W. Bush's visit to Indiana Black Expo's Corporate Luncheon, it's still a major topic of discussion within the local African-American community.



I can't count the number of people that stopped me throughout the course of the weekend expressing their perspective on the president's visit. Unfortunately, of all the individuals I spoke with, nearly all of them had negative comments. The good thing about Indiana Black Expo is that

people from various socio-economic levels come out to participate in the festivities. These individuals, the ones that lead very different lives from one another, are the ones that shared their thoughts with me.

The fact that so many people from various backgrounds complained of the same thing speaks volumes, and their voices need to be heard. They were simply displeased. But the thing that I think bothered most individuals wasn't as much that the president was here as it was that he was honored with Expo's Lifetime Achievement Award. The people I spoke with think that that recognition was grossly undeserved, disrespectful and incredibly inappropriate...and I'd have to agree.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was too over the top, even for the most radical organization. Had Expo simply let the president come and speak during the luncheon (which is still a major accomplishment, regardless of one's political party), that would have sufficed, but the award was too much.

As I mentioned before, having the president at a major Black event is a significant accomplishment, especially this sitting president, but it's no secret that Gov. Mitch Daniels was truly the motivating force behind that feat. At the luncheon, after the president spoke, after he shook hands with attendees, and after his "theme music" ended, Daniels left with the president to probably thank him for coming as well as say his goodbyes.

When Daniels returned, he skipped back onto the dais as if he owned the world; the bravado was back and the arrogance was in full effect.

Since the governor was so instrumental in ensuring the president's visit, I am concerned about the role he'll play in future IBE Summer Celebrations. The president's visit may have put Expo in Daniels' "you owe me pocket," so it will be interesting to see how things actually turn out. But Daniels is the least of my concern; I'm more worried about the impact this year's Expo will have on the Black community and Summer Celebrations to come.

However, things weren't all bad with this year's Expo. The exhibits were nice, the Cultural Arts Pavillion was enlightening and the concerts rocked, but the thing I most enjoyed during this year's events were the recognitions.

Expo acknowledged several individuals who were instrumental in the organization's early days with special awards. That to me was extremely significant because like Rev. Charles Williams, these people, lived, ate and slept Indiana Black Expo - it was their life. To recognize them for their efforts was a class act on Expo's part.

The one person that really stuck in my mind was Cedrick Florence, the son of the late Johnny Florence, who was a longtime president of Indiana Black Expo's Gary Chapter. Cedrick accepted the honor that was posthumously awarded to his father. During the President's Reception, Cedrick told the story of his father who had suffered a heart attack. The first question that Johnny had for his doctor was "Can I go to Expo?" Johnny's doctor told him he could go to Expo as long as he took it easy. His son, Cedrick dutifully drove his father to Expo that year. It would be the last Expo Johnny attended as he died a couple of weeks later.

Johnny's story is just one example of how committed people were to Expo. Rather than inquiring about his health, Johnny opted to first ask about Expo. That's the type of dedication and loyalty that is hard to come by these days. But Johnny wasn't the only dedicated one...there were many before him and many after him, including those who are employed and volunteer at Expo today.

JUST TELLIN' IT

Rhetorical 1-2 punch: President Bush's Black Expo speech; GOP's NAACP speech

By AMOS BROWN III



Aseembattled White House political guru Karl Rove watched from backstage, President George W. Bush brought his rhetorical "A" game to Indiana Black Expo with an enthusiastic, passionate, forceful speech; similar in pacing and tone to his May 13, 2003, speech at the State Fairgrounds.

Unlike Bush's 28-minute speech last month to soldiers at Fort Bragg, which was interrupted by applause just once; his 29-minute speech at Black Expo was interrupted by minimal applause 31 times.

The first president ever to attend a Hoosier/RCA Dome event was treated by the 3,200-strong audience with reserve. Applause was calm, subdued.

The crowd, though, showed President Bush where their loyalties and hearts were when the president introduced Congresswoman Julia Carson. She was greeted with a thunderous, Peyton-Manning-just-scored-a-touchdown standing ovation.

Chuckling, President Bush paid Carson a high compliment, "I went back to have a visit with her (on Air Force One). If you've never had a visit with Julia, she's got a lot of wisdom. And she's not afraid to speak her mind. She kind of reminds me of my mother."

The warm greeting for Carson and laughter at the president's remarks broke the ice. The president was so comfortable that he spent some 20 minutes after his speech shaking hands, talking and getting his picture taken by scores of attendees.

In his speech, President Bush extolled his administration's accomplishments he felt benefited African Americans. He emphasized his political philosophy, one strongly influenced by his faith and beliefs.

President Bush told Expo, "I see an America where all our children are taught the basic skills they need to live up to their God-given potential. Where every citizen owns a stake in the future of our country. Where a growing economy creates jobs and opportunity for everyone. Where most troubled neighborhoods become safe places of kinship and community. Where every person of every race has the opportunity to strive for a better future and to take part of the promise of America."

"I believe the government has a role to play in helping people gain the tools they need to build lives of dignity

and purpose," Bush said. "That's at the heart of what I call compassionate conservatism."

While bragging over national test scores showing progress reducing the African-American student achievement gap, President Bush told Indianapolis why he's strongly pushing No Child Left Behind.

"I refuse to accept this belief that certain people can't learn. I call it the soft bigotry of low expectations. I believe you need to challenge that."

President Bush's strong Christian faith and beliefs was evident in his speech. Once when he talked about freedom, "I believe that freedom is not America's gift to the world; it is the Almighty God's gift to each man and woman in this world."

Again when he talked about America's Africa policy, "We see progress in Africa because our conscience demands it."

Interviewed at Expo, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., told me President Bush has ordered a comprehensive review of American policy towards Africa, with an eye towards creating a new, comprehensive policy.

The same day President Bush addressed Expo, Republican National Committee Chairman Ken Mehlman addressed the NAACP Convention in Milwaukee. Mehlman told it straight to NAACP delegates, first recounting the Republican Party's efforts in past years on behalf of civil rights.

Then Mehlman dropped the bomb, "Some Republicans gave up on winning the African-American vote, looking the other way or trying to benefit politically from racial polarization. I am here today as the Republican chairman to tell you we were wrong. It's not healthy for the country for our political parties to be so racially polarized."

Republicans here and nationally were energized by the Bush and Mehlman speeches. National Democratic leaders quickly condemned Mehlman's "mea culpa" on the GOP's race-baiting politics.

President Bush's and the GOP's Mehlman's speeches are significant challenges for our African-American community and national Democratic Party leaders.

Mehlman, and to some degree Bush's, message was "give us a chance and we'll give you a choice."

The challenge for the president and his party isn't "A" game speeches, but "A" game practices. The challenge for Democrats, especially the national party, is stop ignoring the largest African-American community in a critical "red" state.

What I'm hearing in the streets

This columnist/commentator has broadcast live from Expo's Corporate Luncheon for years. Thanks to top officials in the governor's office and Expo, the unnecessarily oppressive White House press restrictions were modified to allow us to plan and orchestrate unprecedented, live, Black broadcast media coverage of President Bush's speech.

The local TV stations devoted two hours covering Bush's speech, but WTLC-AM1310 aired four hours of comprehensive coverage that far outclassed Indy's two news/talk stations. WTLC aired live comment and reaction from numerous Black and white leaders, plus community reaction. WIBC-AM1070 and WXNT-AM1430 just carried the speech, with no live reaction.

And even though local media isn't supposed to, I got within 10 feet of President Bush while broadcasting live. Bush was smiling and relaxed. But because the large wireless microphone I carried might've been construed by the Secret Service as a threat, I wimped out and backed off shouting at the president, just for a cheap shot interview.

The White House, though, made President Bush's chief domestic advisor, Claude Allen, an African American, available. He said President Bush was "pleased" with the reaction to his visit.

Heard plenty of strong disapproval, at Expo, about Expo's giving President Bush a "Lifetime Achievement Award." IBE Board Chair Arvis Dawson said it was because "when you become president, that's a lifetime achievement." But virtually everyone I talked to hated the idea.

Expo officials disrespected Black media by providing an advanced, detailed copy of their State of Black Youth report to the Indianapolis Star. Black newspapers and Black broadcasters weren't provided the same courtesy.

Friday's Expo crowds, usually the weakest, seemed up a bit this year. Saturday's crowds were huge, though over dominated by teens and young adults. (Expo, where are the events for us adults). Sunday's crowd, for the second year, seemed down. Maybe the free concert should return to Friday.

See 'ya next week

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Pro football's hall of shame

By GEORGE E. CURRY
For NNPA



In a few days, the 39 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Selection

Committee will nominate former players, coaches, owners and administrators to be considered for enshrinement in Canton, Ohio.

And unless the committee does something differently this year, it will again pass over Floyd Little, one of the greatest running backs in the history of professional football. If this annual snub is not rectified, perhaps they should consider changing the name from the Pro Football Hall of Fame to the Pro Football Hall of Shame.

Little, the former Denver Broncos star, has been waiting for his number to be called in Canton since 1981 - the mandatory five years after he hung up his cleats. When he walked off the field after nine seasons in Denver, he was the seventh-leading NFL rusher with 6,323 yards and 43 touchdowns.

He was an All-Pro selection five times. He joined Denver after making the All-American team three consecutive years at Syracuse

and shattering many of the records set by NFL great Jim Brown and Ernie Davis, the first African American to win the Heisman Trophy.

In 1967 and 1968, Little led the NFL in combined yardage. In 1970, he led the AFC in rushing. In 1971, he led the NFL with 1,133 yards while playing on a last-place team. He was 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 195 pounds - light by today's standards - but was a threat running from scrimmage and excelled in pass receiving and returning punts.

All-Pro Linebacker Jack Ham of the Pittsburgh Steelers told one reporter: "He was a rare back who could do everything well - even block. He's the most complete back I ever played against."

One reason Little may have been overlooked by Hall of Fame voters is that he played on losing teams. In the pre-John Elway days, Denver had some great players - Lionel Taylor, Randy Gradishar, Abner Haynes, among others - but did not have a winning season until 1973. Of the original eight members of the old American Football League, Denver had the poorest record (39-97-4).

Even though it took years for the Broncos to shed their losing ways, Denver was the scene of NFL history. Denver was the first AFL team to

defeat an NFC team (Detroit Lions on Aug. 5, 1967). In 1968, rookie Marlin Briscoe became the first Black starting quarterback in the modern era and Gene Mingo was the first Black place-kicker in the NFL. Little, John Elway and Frank Tripucka are the only Broncos to have their jerseys retired. Elway is the only former Denver player to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame selection is done in two stages. Sports writers make the initial nominations. Each NFL city gets one vote except New York, which gets two votes because it has two teams. Anyone can nominate a player and the player is eligible for induction after being away from the game for five years. In the second stage, the committee makes final selections the day before the Super Bowl. A nominee must receive 80 percent of that vote. But Little hasn't made it that far.

And it's not because of the numbers. There are eight running backs in the Hall of Fame with fewer yards. Of almost 40 running backs inducted, Little has better stats than more than half of them.

If Little is passed over again, he'll be in good company. Dallas won five Super Bowls, but has only five players in the Hall of Fame.

Bob Hayes, Lee Roy Jordan, Rayfield Wright, Too Tall Jones, Drew Pearson and Harvey Martin have yet to be inducted. Former Oakland Raider Coach John Madden's winning percentage of .750 (103-32-7) is best among coaches on the sidelines for at least a decade and he, too, has yet to be enshrined in Canton.

The longer Floyd Little and these greats are overlooked, the less chance they have of being selected. The bylaws were amended in 2003 to reduce the maximum number of Hall of Fame inductees from seven to six. The seniors committee, in charge of picking pre-1979 players, submits only two names each year to be voted on. The final selection takes place on the eve of Super Bowl, with enshrinement ceremonies scheduled for the following August.

Of more than 120,000 NFL players, less than 250 have been accorded the sport's highest honor. Floyd Little belongs in that select company.

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LETTERS TO EDITOR

Didn't want Bush at luncheon

I am outraged and extremely disappointed that the Indiana Black Expo would extend an invitation to President Bush as its Corporate Luncheon keynote speaker. We must judge our leaders by their deeds and actions, not by smiles, handshakes or empty words.

During his tenure, Bush has done nothing to eliminate the marked disparities that exist for African Americans with regard to health care, wealth, education, economic opportunity or justice. Bush's selfish, self-serving, regressive policies have pushed our country into trillions of dollars of debt as well as into an untenable position in Iraq.

I was also shocked by Joyce Rogers' comment in The Indianapolis Recorder on July 14, 2005: "Politics has nothing to do with it. That's what we've got to get past in this community. You know that has absolutely zero to do with this subject. These are people of prominence, people of power."

Politics had everything to do with it. Why else would Bush have been invited to the exclusive Corporate Luncheon rather than a free public speaking engagement where all attendees of the IBE could have participated? The IBE is a non-partisan organization, but perhaps the leaders there have forgotten this. Further, Rogers seems to believe that bringing Bush to Indianapolis will help it compete with cities such as Chicago, Detroit, and Cincinnati - truly progressive cities that I seriously doubt would wish to host such a president.

Moments such as this contribute to the ongoing "brain drain" that is driving away Indianapolis' young Black educated professionals like me. I have very fond memories of my hometown Indianapolis; however I am saddened by the recent events that have occurred there. With actions such as this, IBE is failing its mission to be an effective voice and vehicle for the social and economic advancement of African Americans. We should be protesting the unconscionable actions and policies of President Bush, not offering him our praise, thanks and adulation for doing so.

Adria Crutchfield

IBE sent wrong message

Now that the smoke has cleared from this past IBE's 35th Summer Celebration, perhaps a more realistic view of recent events can be had.

I agree in principle with those that it is indeed an honor to have a sitting American president to visit and address Indiana Black Expo. IBE should have extended every courtesy and respect that the office warrants.

However, I think it is a bit much that the Lifetime Achievement Award was bestowed upon George W. Bush. I would pose the question: What has Bush done that is consistent with the mission and goals of IBE to warrant this award? He has gone on record as firmly opposing affirmative action, he has offered little hope to minorities and the inner city poor in the way of programs that would uplift and revitalize these communities.

Additionally, he has also vehemently opposed an increase in the minimum wage that would help the working poor. We are bogged down in a horrendous war that was declared under several changing pretexts after the original declarations did not fit the ensuing facts.

As a member of the African-American community and a long time supporter of Indiana Black Expo, I am deeply disturbed by IBE's decision to bestow this award to this president. This sends the wrong message to the world and the nation, and especially the local community of what IBE is supposed to be about and represent.

This also sends the wrong message to African-American youth that our so-called leaders would recognize a doer of such deeds. Hopefully, a bit more scrutiny and good judgment would prevail in the future.

But again, I guess it's politics as usual.

Millard T. Sprinkles

SAFE HAVEN LAW FOR BABIES

As a father, I am saddened by the recent story of a young Indianapolis woman who wrapped her baby in plastic and left her to suffocate in a bathroom trash can. As the sponsor of Indiana's Safe Haven law, I am frustrated that this young woman, for whatever reason, did not take advantage of this law. She easily could have given her baby to an official who could help find the newborn a home.

The Safe Haven Law was created during the 2000 legislative session after baby Ephram was abandoned in

the winter cold at Community North Hospital. This incident focused attention on an issue that had become frighteningly common. The law was passed to help prevent such senseless deaths.

The Safe Haven law allows a parent who cannot care for an infant younger than 45 days old to leave the newborn baby with appropriate authorities at hospitals, police stations and firehouses. The parents do not have to identify themselves or explain their actions as long as the baby is unharmed.

The key to the success of this law has always hinged on public education, but this recent event brings to my attention that we still have a long way to go in making sure new parents facing a crisis with a newborn are aware of these Safe Haven locations.

I ask my fellow Hoosiers to join me in passing on the message that there is a way for parents in crisis to protect these innocent babies.

Sen. Jim Merritt
R-Indianapolis

Larue Carter workers say thanks

On behalf of the AFSCME members at Larue Carter Hospital and Council 62, I want to thank the Recorder for its coverage of the staffing crisis at Carter. These are committed, compassionate workers who are standing up for themselves and their patients, and we appreciate the attention the Recorder has given that struggle. Again, thank you.

Joe Lawrence
American Federation
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Budget woes call for more vision and less division

We predicted this. Indianapolis and Marion County have a \$90+ million budget shortfall today. The state has claimed part of our tax revenue to recoup some of what the county owes for state services (\$70+ million), and the county child abuse fund currently has a \$22 million shortfall.

Another \$3 billion looms in immediate needs, including sewer repairs (Yes, that's billion with a "b!"). These unmet needs, and a cobweb of taxing districts and government entities, render our system of local government outdated, expensive and inefficient.

This shortfall could have been lessened if Mayor Bart Peterson's "Indianapolis Works" proposal had been enacted by the state Legislature. "Indianapolis Works" would have cut government spending in Indianapolis and Marion County by \$35 million a year while still allowing us to make the appropriate investments in public safety to maintain our status as a world class city.

There are no alternatives: budget cuts are necessary! The mayor has boldly called for 15 percent budget cuts across the board (except for public safety, with a five percent cut) for the 2005 budget - from now through the end of this year - to help eliminate some of the city's debt.

For this reason, the Chamber of Commerce began its "Invest in Indianapolis" initiative last year to offer ideas for both government efficiency and fiscal health. The first part of that initiative, chaired by Phil Bayt, partner at Ice Miller, and David Lewis, chief tax executive at Eli Lilly and Co., examined government efficiency and ultimately supported Mayor Peterson's "Indianapolis Works" proposal in the 2005 session of the General Assembly. "Indianapolis Works" mirrored about 10 years of Chamber research and policies.

The Chamber will continue the "Invest in Indianapolis" project by focusing on the local budget crisis and the need for increased revenue at the city and county level. Now that the Legislature has given us permission to merge the city and county budgets into one, we hope that the typical summer budgeting session conducted by the City-County Council will be one with more vision and less division.

While the Chamber believes budget cuts are necessary, we will continue to be proactive in helping solve this fiscal crisis. We will begin a new research project aimed at crafting a three to five year fiscal plan to offer to local elected officials in the spring of 2006. The Chamber hopes to impact the local fiscal landscape by offering immediate input on budget needs, as well as offer to elected officials a new method of municipal budgeting with a multi-year view.

Gene Zink, Chairman
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Our vote, our voice — lessons from Ohio

By DONNA BRAZILE
From BlackAmericaWeb.com



When it comes to voting in America, Black folks are still having a tough time at the polls. After months of review, the Democratic

National Committee (DNC) Voting Rights Institute released an investigative report "Democracy at Risk: The 2004 Election in Ohio."

This report, which took five months to complete, was organized and compiled by a first-rate team of eminent statisticians, pollsters, technical analysts, grassroots activists and attorneys who concluded there was enough evidence to prove there were serious election irregularities which led to the disenfranchisement of many Ohio voters.

"Democracy at Risk: The 2004 Election in Ohio" concludes that more than one-quarter of all Ohio voters experienced problems voting, including long lines, difficulty locating their proper polling place and voter intimidation. Far more troubling: twice as many African-Americans voters as white voters reported experiencing problems at the polls, including incompetence and negligence on the part of polling officials, problems with registration status and unlawful identification requirements.

Provisional ballots were vastly overused in Ohio, and that had huge implications because many provisional ballots were never counted. More than 158,000 provisional ballots were cast in Ohio, equaling 2.8 percent of all votes cast for president - compared with only 0.9 percent for Pennsylvania and 0.3 percent for Florida.

First-time voters, young voters and voters who had moved since the last time they voted were more likely to vote provisionally. In urban Cuyahoga County, which

includes the city of Cleveland, African Americans who had moved since the last time they voted were nearly twice as likely to be forced to vote provisionally than white voters who had moved since the last time they voted.

African-American voters were also far more likely to have their registration status challenged and to report experiencing intimidation at the polls than other voters. African Americans and voters under age 30 were more likely to have their identification checked at the polls, very often illegally. Sixty-seven percent of voters under age 30 and 61 percent of African-American males were required to produce ID in order to vote.

Counties using DRE (touch-screen) machines had far more problems than voters in other counties. In Franklin County, where 74 percent of voters reported waiting in line more than 20 minutes, there were proportionally fewer machines in minority neighborhoods.

Most troubling is that the study reveals a profound lack of confidence in the democratic process in Ohio, divided sharply along racial lines. Nearly one-quarter of Ohio voters report that their voting experience in 2004 has made them less confident about the reliability of elections in their state. And while 71 percent of white voters reported being very confident their votes were counted, only 19 percent of African Americans reported having the same level of confidence.

Election reform is a bipartisan responsibility and a bipartisan concern. We must use the results of this report to call for immediate action to reform our electoral process.

In our report, we highlight some areas that must be addressed by lawmakers at all levels so that every qualified citizen may vote and have their vote counted. Let's start by making sure that fair and clear election practices are codified into law; that clear

standards for the equitable distribution of voting equipment and the assignment of poll workers are adopted; that uniform standards for voter registration and the monitoring of same are in place; that statewide voter lists are implemented, as federal law requires, and that uniform standards for the issuance of provisional ballots and enforceable rules for counting provisional ballots are adopted.

We must also demand that states adopt legislation that limits identification requirements to a minimum and maintain and enforce procedures to guarantee that identification requirements are not abused as a voter suppression tactic.

We also urge states to adopt precinct-tabulated optical scan voting machines, to discontinue the use of punch card machines, and to abstain from using touch screen voting machines unless they are perfected so that they are no longer vulnerable to error and tampering. Voting equipment vendors must be required to disclose source codes so that they may be examined by third parties to ensure that voting procedures are transparent at every level of the voting process.

This summer, America will mark the 40th anniversary of the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act which abolished literacy tests and poll taxes that effectively muted the voices of so many and denied generations of African Americans a voice in the governance of their country. Three important provisions of this landmark civil rights act are set to expire in 2007. As Americans, we must call on Congress to renew and enforce these laws.

The right to vote, and to participate in the political process must never be compromised.

Donna Brazile is chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute. A copy of the report may be obtained at www.democrats.org.

YOUR VOICE

Do you think that the warning labels on medical prescriptions and drugs are accurate?



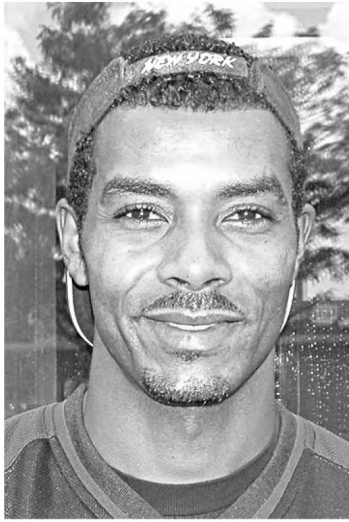
"I think some are not. For example, Viagra was not supposed to be harmful, but now it is. I also have gotten a rash just from taking Tylenol. Some are just false advertisements."

- Michael Burton



"Yes, for the most part warnings are accurate. All of my experiences with medication have been fine. The drug Lipitor was a drug I took and the one of the side effects was increased appetite."

- Doris Holliday



"No, the warnings aren't accurate because you can never see what the long term effects will be. The doctors don't test to see what the results will be 10 years from now because they're trying to get the products on the market so quickly."

- Tarus Blackburn

SCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BEACON IN THE COMMUNITY

By **ANNETTE L. ANDERSON**
Recorder Correspondent

Looking out at the grounds at Scott United Methodist Church, 2150 Dr. Andrew J. Brown Ave., Pastor Raymond Wilkins explained his vision for the betterment of the youth in the community.

"My greatest passion is teaching the gospel and helping our youth to develop into productive citizens," said Pastor Wilkins. "Years ago I volunteered for the Area Youth Ministry, mentoring to them, taking them out in the community, and on weekend camping trips. We even went canoeing. Although I did not live or work in that community (Michigan Avenue and State Street), I felt the need to help, because they were very disadvantaged there. And today my passion is stronger than ever, because our youth, and I refer to them as ours, as they are our responsibility, are extremely troubled."

Scott has implemented a summer camp, operating times 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., for children of various ages. Programs include science and math enrichment, with a paid staff, along with some volunteers, who are certified Indianapolis Public School teachers. Rhonda Tykes, a former administrator with a major computer company, is the camp director.

The camp is at its capacity with some 75 children, with about one-third of them attending with paid scholarships, and the other two-thirds paying a minimal fee or nothing at all, according to Pastor Wilkins.

"I am not hands-on with the camp, but my support comes from behind the scenes," Pastor Wilkins noted. "I raise funds and offer spiritual enlightenment, such as conducting devotions each morning."

Raising funds is crucial to Scott's upcoming before and after school care program in the fall. The church purchased a building, renovated it, but it will need furnishings - office furniture, computers, tables, chairs, and desks for the classrooms. Monies are also needed for the paving of the building's parking area at 22nd and Arsenal.



Rev. Raymond Wilkins displays the new t-shirts designed by the youth at the summer camp. The children wore the shirts to their field trip to the Children's Museum.

"The before and after school care program will provide a safe and secure place for youth in the community," stated Pastor Wilkins. "And we want to be able to assist them in achieving success in passing all state competency exams. I realize that this is an old cliché, but our children are certainly our future."

A lifetime Scott member believes the pastor's vision for the program will heal the community in a

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Maridythe Johnson teaches student Kyra McColly at the Scott United Methodist summer camp. The camp has programs that include science and math improvement. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Members of the Mayme Penman Empowerment Support Group as well as representatives from the Damien Center and Bethlehem House recently held their annual picnic at Riverside Park. The support group, which has been described as "a family," is part of the Bridging the Gap outreach project. (Photo/S. Williams)

HIV/AIDS ministry empowers 'neighbors' through outreach, fellowship

By **BRANDON A. PERRY**
Staff Writer

The rapid increase of HIV/AIDS cases across the world and within the United States has astonished even some of the most seasoned medical and social analysts.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were less than 100 reported cases of AIDS in 1980, but that figure has jumped to over 774,000 (34 million worldwide). Additionally, in absolute numbers Blacks have outnumbered whites in new AIDS diagnoses and deaths since 1996, although Blacks make up less than 13 percent of the general population.

Fortunately, Indianapolis is host to one ministry operated by individuals who have hope and understand that life can still be an enjoyable experience even after an AIDS diagnosis.

The Bridging the Gap project is dedicated

to not only stemming the rising tide of AIDS, but also enriching the lives of people affected by the virus both spiritually and socially.

"The spread of HIV is the result of ignorance and silence, either we choose not to talk about it, or choose to ignore it," said Jeremiah Lockett Jr., project director for Bridging the Gap. "However, if you want to prevent further infections in our community we need to take a proactive role in addressing HIV and AIDS through institutions such as churches, public agencies and schools. The sooner we can do that, the sooner I believe we will begin to experience, if not a decline, at least a stagnation of infections."

Bridging the Gap is a division of the Ebenezer Church Foundation, an outreach arm of Ebenezer Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Thomas Brown.

The ministry uses a host of volunteers to provide a food pantry, transportation services,

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IN THE SPIRIT

Praise in the Parking Lot

Robert Turner (left) welcomes radio personality Guy Black back to Indiana at Praise in the Parking Lot held at Radio One. Black is a former Radio One personality who moved to Louisiana last year.



Members of Jesus Gang New Generation choir display the \$500 check they received from Radio One Indiana as winners of the gospel choir showcase.



Dr. Charles Hayes introduces the Warriors Gospel Choir during the Summer Celebration weekend.



The Warriors lead singer Diane Williams performs their national hit 'Jesus Can Work It Out.' (Photos/J. Hurst)

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Shirley Caesar to be honored at summit

From Gospelcity.com

The legendary Shirley Caesar will be honored at the first Urban Impact Summit on Aug. 10 at the Foxwoods Resort Casino on the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation reservation in southern Connecticut.

No living woman has had more influence on gospel than Caesar. The summit runs Aug. 7-10 and features a variety of seminars, special events and a television taping for Bobby Jones' Word Network TV program.

"I try to join Dr. Jones whenever my schedule permits, we always have a blessed time together," says Caesar. "Bobby's events have always provided a wealth of information for artists pursuing gospel music ministry. I am so encouraged by the addition of urban issues and hip-hop at the first ever Urban Impact Summit. As ambassadors for Christ, we must open wide our arms and invite all of our brothers and sisters to the table."

The forum will provide not just music but panels on health, finance, hip-hop music, and other related topics. Jones has invited hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons and others for a historic meeting about how hip-hop and gospel music professionals can work together to educate artists, songwriters and entrepreneurs on the business side of show business.

"In the beginning of our struggle here in America, the Black church was a focal part of the community," says Dr. Jones. "We want to put unity back into the community. But we must first have open dialogue."

The Urban Summit developed from a conversation between Dr. Jones and entertainment attorney James L. Walker Jr. With the theme of "embrace, educate and empower," they see the summit as an opportunity to bridge the gap between the gospel and hip-hop communities.

"I have worked in both genres of music," says Walker. "I grew up fighting racial injustice and poverty. I just want to give back and prepare the next generation for greater works."

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AL-ISLAM IN AMERICA

Muslim and Christian love

By IMAM MIKAL SAAHIR



When the newly formed community of Islam was under constant abuse and torture meted out against them by the hands of the pagans in Mecca, Prophet Muhammed told his followers to migrate to the Christian kingdom Abyssinia (modern-day Ethiopia) for refuge.

The prophet described Abyssinia as a place where "a king rules without injustice, a land of truthfulness." He advised that his followers stay in this Christian kingdom "until G-d leads us a way out of our difficulty."

It is important to review this little known, but highly important, historical event especially with the current tension in the American atmosphere towards Muslims. The "war on terror" has in some ways created artificial feelings of terror in non-Muslims towards Muslims. Such fear is often rooted in people being uninformed about moments of excellence as that demonstrated by the Christian king of Abyssinia.

The Holy Qur'an states in chapter 5: verse 82: "Strongest among men in enmity to the believers wilt thou find the Jews and pagans; and nearest among them in love to the believers wilt thou find those who say, 'We are Christians': because amongst these are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant."

Among many Christians we have found true friends who while remaining true to their belief in Christ-love as revealed in the Bible, they also continue to encourage us as Muslims to remain strong steadfast Muslims. The only somber point about this relationship is that with the exception of men like Father Boniface Hardin of Martin University,

the Christians to truly extend Christ-love to Muslims since Sept. 11, 2001, have been almost all Caucasian Christians.

Despite the past healthy Muslim-Christian relationships that flourished with the Concerned Clergy and with Operation Breadbasket under the former leadership of Rev. Andrew J. Brown, little if any sincere interfaith interactions between African-American Christians and Muslims have occurred in recent years. Hopefully this will change in the near future for we are all people of G-d.

The above Qur'anic verse reference to Jews is not a blanket charge against all Jews, it was referring to those who were working against the mission and the message of Prophet Muhammed.

We find a very similar reference in the mission of Christ Jesus when he had to condemn certain sectors of the Jews for their uneven-handedness, yet Jesus' condemnation did not include all Jews because many of them were excellent human beings.

We, the Muslim community in America also have established good relationships with our Jewish brothers and sisters. We respect them and they respect us without either party seeking to convert or condemn the other.

The Holy Qur'an clearly states in chapter 2: verse 62: "Those who believe (in the Qur'an), and those who follow the Jewish (scriptures), and the Christians and the Sabians, - any who believe in Allah and the last day, and work righteousness, shall have their reward with their Lord; on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve."

As Muslims we have to be tolerant and respectful of all people of faith.

It is important that we revisit the above Qur'anic reference that speaks of the Christian humility, their studious habits, and their refusal to be influenced by worldly things. This was the practice of the Christian king of Abyssinia in

Africa; a practice that continues for many Christians. Allah, in the Qur'an, invites Muslims to have a special appreciation for such Christians who "are men devoted to learning and men who have renounced the world, and they are not arrogant."

In Islam we are taught to "reverence the womb that bore you." Many of us who today are Muslims have our religious roots in the church. Much of our early religious teachings are Bible-based. Also many of our loved ones, family and friends are still endeared to the church; therefore, we can't work against that which is such a strong part of our life.

Our evolution into Islam should not be seen as a separation from Christianity but as an extension of our faith. No Muslim who properly understands Islam will ever use their new expression of faith as an excuse or reason to criticize or renounce Christianity.

Yes, there are some differences in some aspects of our faith, but our goal and destinies are the same; to serve G-d and receive the blessings of paradise.

G-d has placed us in a universal world setting. Our past limited understandings of each other, though comfortable in a small enclosed place, is insufficient today. G-d is one, humanity is one, and this creation is one. The more that we accept our commonalities will determine the rate of our growth in comity where we can live in a state of mutual respect.

NOTE: As advised by Imam W. Deen Mohammed, Al-Islam in America prefers the spelling "G-d," omitting the letter "o" to avoid using a spelling for our Creator that in reverse spells "dog."

Please submit all inquiries to Al-Islam In America, C/O Imam Mikal Saahir, Nur-Allah (Light of G-d) Islamic Center, 2040 E. 46th St. Indianapolis, IN 46205. E-mail: nurallah-ic@juno.com.



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Many quite close and caring friends avoid a family which has suffered a loss, or keep silent about their feelings, for fear "of saying the wrong thing." To begin with, this is not an unusual reaction. Often it is because individuals have not come to terms with their own sentiments about death. Because they are unsure of their feelings, they are afraid their words will come out all mixed-up.

Try not to worry. There is no one "right" attitude toward death and grief. Besides, many people are as confused and ambivalent about it as you may be. In fact, it would not be

amiss to share your concerns. It might even open the door for family members to express their own doubts and feelings. The important thing is to be with them, and to show that you care. It is very rare that an honest display of humanity will be resented and misunderstood. Absence or silence, on the other hand, might be.

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Unity event

New Africa Islamic Students Association (NAISA) will be holding their first Unity Event on July 30 at noon inside Room A of the Julia M. Carson Government Center, 300 East Fall Creek Parkway. Featured speakers will include Dr. Sayyid M. Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America, and attorney Ayesha F. Johnson. Light lunch will be served, and tickets are \$20 at the door.

African lecturer and theologian to speak at CTS

Special to the Recorder

A world-renowned lecturer and theologian from the West African nation of Ghana will be the featured speaker this fall in the second Saltsburg Distinguished Lecture Series at Christian Theological Seminary (CTS).

Dr. Mercy Amba Oduyoye will deliver three lectures on Sept. 19, 22 and 23 on the theme: "The Christian Gospel and African Cultures: An African Woman's Perspective." All three lectures are free and open to the public, two at the 1000 W. 42nd St., seminary site and a third off campus.

A former deputy secre-

tary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. Oduyoye is a founding member of the Concerned African Women Theologians. She currently serves as the founding director of the Talitha Cumi Center, an Institute of Women, Religion and Culture located on the campus of Trinity Theological Seminary in Accra, Ghana. She also is the author of numerous books and articles.

"This lecture series provides a unique opportunity for Central Indiana Christians," said Dr. Carolyn Higginbotham, CTS vice president and academic dean. "It is rare that

such a distinguished church leader from Africa comes our way. CTS is delighted to host Dr. Oduyoye and to share her keen insights with the larger community."

Her first lecture is set for the Founders Day Convocation on Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Shelton Auditorium. Titled "A People's Encounter with the Gospel," it will give a general overview of Christian theology in Africa based on the writings of both African male and female theologians of the 1960s and 1970s.

A second lecture, "Post-Colonial Christianity in Africa," will focus on the work

of Musa Dube, a prominent African woman theologian. It is scheduled in the Common Room at

1 p.m. on Sept. 22.

Dr. Oduyoye's final lecture will be at North United Methodist Church, 38th and North Meridian streets, at 7 p.m. on Sept. 23. The theme will be "The Challenge of HIV/AIDS to Christian Theology in Africa." She will highlight the current research now undertaken by the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and the Institute of African Women concerning the effects of the fatal disease on African culture.

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big way. "This is a great opportunity for the neighborhood, because it is such a depressed area," said Sandra Green. "It is also an opportunity for our youth ministry to expand."

"Pastor Wilkins has a vision for our church to be a beacon here, and to draw those who do not know God. And because of the new program, children will be able to enjoy a familiar and comfortable place outside their homes."

Someone who works closely with the pastor spoke of his other qualities. "He is a very outgoing person, and is very good with the kids," said Myra Bent, Pastor Wilkins' secretary. "He searches the community for problems, and tries to make a difference. The kids just love him, because his personality creates a one-on-one relationship with each one of them. They feel comfortable about talking with him

about anything."

Bent further said the principal of Indianapolis Public School 56 voiced her opinion about the program, stating, "there is a desperate need for it."

"What Scott is trying to do is to encourage those who are tutors and instructors to come on board," Bent continued. "This will insure that these students will be successful in using the computers, which is crucial to further educating the entire community."

Pastor Wilkins and his wife Patricia have three children and three granddaughters. "A lot of people refer to her (Patricia) as the first lady, and she fulfills that title quite well," he commented.

Anyone wishing to donate to the program, or assist with teaching or tutoring, may call the church at (317) 925-1997.



Rev. Raymond Wilkins speaks with his secretary Myra Bent about the camp that has about 75 children. The camp provides paid scholarships for a majority of its students. (Photo/J. Hurst)



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care coordination, substance abuse classes and spiritual counseling for AIDS/HIV patients and families.

These services are often provided in collaboration with community organizations like the Damien Center and Bethlehem House.

Bridging the Gap holds a special worship and praise service every Saturday at Ebenezer known as the Healing Church. The gathering is appropriate not just for AIDS/HIV patients but also those who are often rejected by general society, especially drug addicts, prostitutes and the homeless.

The most celebrated component of Bridging the Gap's ministerial arsenal is perhaps the Mayme Penman Empowerment Support Group. This entity was named after Mayme Penman, who served as one of Bridging the Gap's primary care coordinators before her untimely death in 2002.

"She was like my angel because she helped me to get to where I am," said William Ferguson, a member of the support group.

Members, who affectionately refer to each other as "neighbors," enjoy a

variety of social activities that build a stronger bond among those involved. So far this year the support group has held a spiritual retreat, an annual picnic, a billiards party (fund-raiser), seminars, and a luncheon as part of the National Week of Prayer for AIDS.

Participants have also worked to raise awareness by visiting areas with "high risk" behavior where AIDS has a greater chance of spreading, including neighborhoods with heavy drug use and prostitution.

Organizers of the ministry eventually added the word "empowerment" to the group's name to underscore its holistic service approach.

"We're gearing up to empower our clients, as far as employment and promoting volunteerism within the group," said Ferguson.

To that end, Bridging the Gap has been helpful in finding paid positions for clients involving work that is also helpful to the community. Some members of the support group have been working on the renovation of housing projects.

"It's not just accepting a handout, it's also doing something beneficial for

yourself and for the community," Ferguson stated.

Lockett said he is hopeful and gratified to see an increased level of activity from the Christian community in the area of AIDS prevention, but believes there is much more work that needs to be done.

"There has been some improvement and activism is growing at a slow pace," he said. "There are a few faith-based organizations out there who are beginning to address HIV education from a spiritual standpoint, but we need more of it."

In the meantime, both Lockett and Ferguson are encouraged by the success of Bridging the Gap and the Mayme Penman Empowerment Support Group.

"Groups like these teach us that it (AIDS) is just only a disease and that we are still people full of life," said Ferguson. "When I was diagnosed I thought it was the end of the world, but it's not."

For more information about Bridging the Gap and the Mayme Penman Empowerment Support Group or to make a donation, call (317) 631-2420.

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Annual Methodist conferences confess to racism

From United Methodist Church News Service

United Methodists around the United States are working to reconcile past actions spurred by racism. During annual conference (regional) gatherings this spring, several of the sessions acted to remember and redeem past wrongs.

In Birmingham, Ala., hundreds of people stood outside McCoy United Methodist Church on June 6 for a "Service of Confession and Recommitment to Disciple-Making."

The service included a confession of the sins of prejudice and discrimination against African Americans.

"I'm a pastor and as a pastor and as a Christian, we're in the business of naming our sins and asking God for forgiveness, so it seemed to me like something we needed to do," said North Alabama Bishop William Willimon.

"As a newcomer to North Alabama, I was impressed that this was a big issue for our conference," he said. "We've lost a lot of churches in the transitional neighborhoods in the inner-city. I went to work everyday past McCoy Church, and I heard lots of stories of grief, not only of McCoy, but of churches similar to McCoy."

McCoy Church closed in 1993 as the formerly white neighborhood became predominately African American. The predominately white church could not keep enough members to support it.

The United Methodists from across North Alabama processed to McCoy, made statements and confessed sin.

"Our sin of leaving the city. Our sin of not being able to overcome racial prejudice. Our sin of not risking," Willimon said as he listed the offenses named.

"We pronounced forgiveness and then an African-American leader in our conference stood up and said 'As forgiven to reconcile people, we will therefore...' then she read out a whole list of things that we promised to do."

The promises include re-opening McCoy and starting six new churches. Three will be multi-ethnic.

"We're learning," Willimon said. "Alabama is a wonderful place to learn from our mistakes. One of the gifts of being in that conference as a newcomer is we've got a wonderful history in Black and white - some great heroic stories and some sad stories."

During the same week the Mississippi Annual Conference honored 13 retired pastors who 42 years ago signed the "Born of Conviction" statement denouncing segregation.

"You reached a point where you simply had to stand up, so to speak, and speak your piece," said the Rev. Inman Moore, Pasadena, Calif., one of 28 pastors who signed the

statement.

"It was just so obvious that the church was not speaking out or certainly was not exercising the kind of witness that we felt it should exercise," said the Rev. Maxie Dunnam, Wilmore, Ky., one of four writers of the statement. "We felt at least some folks within our United Methodist Church ought to be addressing the issue."

On June 5, the Missouri Conference honored African Americans who stayed in the United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations even as they endured racism.

"We do a lot of talking around those who could not stay within the life of Methodism, but what about those who

stayed?" asked Monica Jefferson, coordinator of urban and intercultural ministries for the conference. "There were African Americans who lived out the struggle, who lived out the blessing, who know what it means to be a United

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Wednesday
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7:30pm

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Order of Service
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Prayer & Bible Study
Wednesday.....7:30 p.m.
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Sunday Morning Service 11:00 a.m.
YPWW Sunday 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Friday Pastoral Teaching 7:00 p.m.

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Revelation 3: 5-6 KJV

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Service Schedules Sunday
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11 a.m. Worship

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Sunday School - 9:30am
Morning Worship - 11:00am
N.B.C. Hour Sunday - 6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Mtg Bible Study 9:30am & 7:00pm
Friendship Christian Academy & Childcare 917-8427
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.



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Sunday School.....9:15AM
Sunday Worship.....10:50AM
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Friday Night Pastoral Teaching 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor, Hallie Showers Black

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10:30 a.m. Sunday - Morning Worship
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Sunday School	9:30AM
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Sunday Worship	10:00 & 5:00 p.m.
Mon. Men & Ladies Class	
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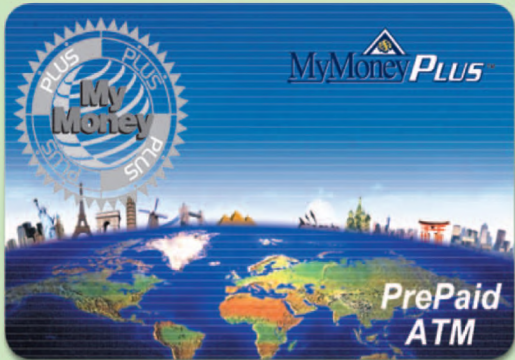


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Black & Minority Health Fair



Roy Smith and Dorothy Davis, the mother of Rev. Charles Williams, speak with one another about the Rev. Charles Williams Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit during Indiana Black Expo's Black & Minority Health Fair. The unit raises awareness for males about the dangers and precautions of prostate cancer.



Attendees were given the chance to have free eye examinations at the health fair.



Left to right: Dr. Garth Graham, Martha Bonds, Danielle Patterson, Dr. Judith Monroe, and Les Brown cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony to officially begin the Black & Minority Health Fair. (Photos/C. Guyonn)

RACE AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER A SUCCESS

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

The Race Against Prostate Cancer may be the largest known event in the country that focuses on the disease and it didn't even exist 27 months ago.

More than 1,600 people participated in the 3rd annual race that took place July 9 as a part of Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration.

"We were absolutely amazed, humbled and honored by the turnout concerning that this (event) didn't exist 27 months ago," said John Aleshire, executive director of Little Red Door Cancer Agency.

It was about 27 months ago that Aleshire had lunch with the late Rev. Charles Williams, former president of IBE discussing a way to educate men on prostate cancer.

Not one to procrastinate, Williams told Aleshire, "Let's do a walk and let's do it now."

"So in seven weeks time we pulled the first race off, which drew about 525 people," Aleshire said. "Last year it drew just under 1,400 and this year we had 1,600, maybe more and have raised \$100,000 that will be shared with Little Red Door and Indiana Cancer Research Foundation."

The mission of the prostate race is to "make the most out of life, and the least of prostate cancer through education, patient services, screening, detection and research to find a cure for future generations."

Joyce Rogers, CEO of IBE says Williams would have been thrilled about the turnout and support.

"Rev. Williams' vision was that prostate cancer awareness would grow to be as prominent as breast cancer awareness," she said. "As long as we continue to see growth within the race and education we're getting closer to that vision."



Amos Brown, strategic analyst for Radio One, was one of 1,600 participants in the Race Against Prostate Cancer. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Little Red Door will continue to work with IBE and the Rev. Charles Williams Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit, which was unveiled during the race to provide education to men about the disease.

Aleshire says information about prostate cancer must continue after the race.

"It is vitally important that this message about prostate cancer continues throughout the year," he said. "Men have got to understand that this is a silent killer. Particularly African-American men have got to be diligent in getting tested because the disease is going to strike almost 60 percent more African-American men."

"If we can keep the awareness out there and if we can keep guys talking about it and keep women talking to their guys about it we're going to save lives," he added.

Next year's Race Against Prostate Cancer will take place July 8.

Governor asks Hoosiers to get 'INShape Indiana'

Gov. Mitch Daniels is asking Hoosiers to get involved in a new state initiative that will help improve the health status of Indiana and improve individual fitness. He introduced INShape Indiana recently, a Web-based program that connects people with local services and events that help them make healthy choices to improve their quality of life.

"Adopting a healthy lifestyle is good for you and good for Indiana," said the governor during the launch of the program at the National Institute for Fitness and Health in Indianapolis. "Too many Hoosiers are losing years because they do not embrace healthy habits. And, health care costs in Indiana are among the highest in the country. Our rising cost of health insurance coverage, combined with lost productivity due to illness, has made Indiana a less desirable place to do business."

According to statistics collected by the Department of Health, Indiana is the fourth most obese state, 26 percent of adult Hoosiers report no regular physical activity and nearly 78 percent consume less than five servings of fruits and vegetables each day. In addition, 25 percent of Indiana adults smoke cigarettes.

"Millions of Hoosiers can help our economic comeback gain momentum by participating in INShape Indiana," said Gov. Daniels, who maintains an active workout schedule each week.

To join INShape Indiana, individuals and groups can log onto the Web site at www.inshape.IN.gov and register for free by answering a brief survey. Every two weeks, par-

► See **INSHAPE, C2**

Regional program working to provide families with superior health care

Submitted by the Health Education, Promotion and Training Department of the Marion County Health Department.

Covering Kids and Families of Central Indiana (CKF) is a program designed to assist families as they enroll children into Indiana's health insurance program and parents into the Advantage Network Program (formerly known as Wishard Advantage). CKF began in March of 1999 and is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County. CKF has been able to assist approximately 10,000 children and pregnant women since its inception. The main objective of the program is to identify all uninsured children, youth and pregnant women who fall at or below the 200 percent Federal Poverty Guideline. This program actively works with school nurses, social workers, teachers and administrators in order to accomplish the objective of identifying those students who are without health insurance.

CKF also has established enrollment sites where outreach workers set up "temporary space" to help meet the health insurance needs of clients at various agencies. Some of the agencies that outreach workers are available at are WIC (Women, Infants and Children), Head Start, The Julian Center, The Damien Center, The Boys and Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, The Hispanic Center, local libraries and local health centers, homeless shelters and many other sites. CKF outreach extends to all nine townships of Marion County and to the seven surrounding counties. These counties include Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks and Hancock counties.

In terms of outreach, CKF focuses especially on those people who are typically "hard to reach" populations, such as a senior citizen/grandparent who has legal custody of a child, teens, those with language barriers, or those who move frequently. Any family or individual who is referred to the program is considered for enrollment. Approval is dependent on their income, eligibility and review by the Office of Family Resources/Indiana Department of Child Services.

Hoosier Healthwise is a program serv-

ing Indiana children, pregnant women and low-income families. By November 2004, 219,608 Indiana children, adolescents and pregnant women were enrolled in Hoosier Healthwise.

Hoosier Healthwise provides health insurance coverage for children younger than 19 living in households with incomes below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline (currently \$29,025 for a family of four). Beginning in January of 2000, families with incomes of 150 percent up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guideline (currently \$38,700 for a family of four) could also receive coverage by paying a small monthly premium. The plan covers routine checkups, well-child visits, doctor visits, hospital stays, specialty care, prescription drugs, mental health, vision and dental care, screenings, immunizations, diagnosis and treatments.

Providing assistance to uninsured mothers is also an emphasis of the program. An analysis of data from the 2000 Current Population Survey estimated that 92,000 low-income mothers in Indiana (12 percent) were uninsured. For this reason, outreach workers also identify income eligible adults or parents needing coverage, youth who are 19 years old, college students and seniors who aren't eligible for Medicare. They are then signed up for another program - the Advantage Network Program. Similar to Hoosier Healthwise, this program is a health cost assistance plan developed to assist adults with regular physician visits, specialty care, family planning and low cost prescriptions. The income guidelines are closely in line with Hoosier Healthwise guidelines.

The CKF office is located at 2951 East 38th Street. Community outreach workers are available to schedule appointments, conduct home visits, or meet at the workplace or other convenient location. To enroll in Hoosier Healthwise or Advantage Network Programs please call (317) 221-2041 or (317) 221-2464. To learn more about the CKF program in general, please contact the program's director, Pamela Humes, by emailing phumes@hchcorp.org, or visit the website at www.ckfindiana.org.

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HEALTH BRIEFS

Benefit to assist HIV/AIDS victims in Africa

WishKids International, a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting HIV/AIDS victims in Southern Africa, announced that the WishKids Charity Dinner will be held July 23 at the Island Delight restaurant, 6916 E. 30th St., at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All of the ticket sales go to WishKids International.

Island Delight will provide Jamaican food and smoothies. There will also be a live band playing Caribbean music and a live comedy performance. WishKids International will also raise money through raffles and a silent auction.

For more information call (317) 549-0923 or toll free (877) 5WISHES.

MS bike tour

The Spin Around Spiceland MS bike tour will take place Saturday, Aug. 20 in Spiceland, Ind., 30 miles east of Indianapolis off of I-70 East.

Check in will begin at 7 a.m. and the tour will begin at 8 a.m. from Hoover Hall in Spiceland ending at 5 p.m.

The goal for this year's tour is to have 300 cyclists participate and to raise \$150,000. For more information call 1-800-FIGHT-MS ext. 18.

Forest Manor health fair

On Saturday, Aug. 6, Forest Manor Community Health Center, 3840 N. Sherman Dr., will host a free health fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Health professionals will provide screenings for blood pressure, weight/height, depression, dental, skin cancer, vision and body mass index. In addition to the screenings, booths will be set up to provide information including child safety, domestic violence, Medicaid, bereavement, reading and asthma. For more information call, (317) 541-3400.

Smoke-free day at county fair

Those attending the 75th anniversary of the Marion County Fair Saturday, July 30 will be able to enjoy all of the festivities in a smoke-free environment.

All activities will begin at 10 a.m.

Volunteers needed

More than 100 volunteers are needed to help with the 14th Annual America's Walk for Diabetes, which will take place Sunday, Sept. 25 at Victory Field.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and decorations, registration, serving refreshments, distributing prizes, and clean up. For more information contact the American Diabetes Association at 888-DIABETES.



Many elderly not aware of hospice value

By ED EDELSON

(HealthDayNews) — Giving straightforward information to elderly people facing death in nursing homes makes them more likely to enter hospices, where they can receive better care in the last days of their life, a new study finds.

“Over the last 10, 20, 30 years we have tried all sorts of high-tech and expensive interventions to improve end-of-life care,” said Dr. David Casarett, director of the palliative care clinic at the Philadelphia Veterans Affairs Medical Center, who led the study. “But if you just get people talking, you get more people into the hospice sooner, and people who have these conversations are more satisfied with the end-of-life care they receive.”

The study started with Casarett and his colleagues interviewing nursing home residents or the people who made medical decisions for them, to help identify those who would benefit from entering hospices — facilities specializing in end-of-life care.

Of the 205 nursing home residents who were so selected, 107 were given an informational visit describing hospice care, and 98 received usual care, according to a report in the July 13 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

One of every five people who got the informational visit entered a hospice within the next 30 days, compared to only one person among those who received usual care.

Eventually, 25 percent of those getting hospice information entered hospices, compared to 6 percent of those who did not.

The people who entered hospices had fewer acute care hospital admissions and spent fewer days in the hospital, the researchers noted. Most important, family members of those who entered hospices rated the quality of end-of-life care higher — 4.1 on a scale of five, compared to 2.5 for those remaining in nursing homes, the study found.

It's true that many people nearing the end of life may not want to have these discussions for a variety of reasons, Casarett said. On the other hand, “many people want to have these discussions but don't know how,” he said.

Previous studies have shown that “a lot of people are thinking about hospices as something that can help them and are waiting for their physicians to start these discussions,” he said.

Doctors and nurses often do have such conversations with patients, “but what we are not doing is having these conversations in a systematic way,” Casarett. “I hope that this study will help change that.”

According to background information for the article, “At least one in four Americans dies in a nursing home, and considerable evidence indicates that nursing home residents do not receive optimal end-of-life care.” Approximately 25 percent of residents with daily cancer pain receive no pain medications, and residents are often transferred to an acute care setting to receive aggressive treatment in the last weeks of life. Families often express dissatisfaction with the end-of-life care their relative receives in nursing homes.

Nursing home residents receiving hospice care are more likely to receive better pain management, have their pain assessed and have lower rates of inappropriate medications and physical restraint use than patients who do not receive hospice care. Despite its benefits, however, only one in every four nursing home residents enrolls in hospice care before death, according to the researchers.

“As Americans spend more time in nursing homes near the end of life, it will become increasingly important to emphasize simple, low-cost interventions like this one (hospice care) that can help to ensure that residents and their families have access to the best possible quality of care,” the study authors wrote.

HEALTH TIP

Recognizing depression in teens

(HealthDayNews) — Teens are renowned for their mood swings. But how do you know if your child is just feeling low or if he or she is clinically depressed?

If your child has five or more of the following symptoms for several weeks, the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia suggests you ask the child's doctor for advice:

Your child may:

- Act sad all day.
- Talk about suicide or give away personal items.
- Act angry or irritable without obvious causes.
- Describe feelings of worthlessness like, “no one cares about me.”
- Blame herself when things don't work out.
- Lack mental or physical energy.
- Not enjoy her usual activities.
- Sleep a lot, but have trouble getting to sleep or waking up.
- Have trouble concentrating, making decisions, and remembering things.
- Have problems with friends or in school.
- Use alcohol or drugs.
- Prefer to be alone.



Multi-dose inhaler

Drug firms say inhaled insulin effective

(AP) — Drug makers Eli Lilly & Co. and Alkermes Inc. said that in a mid-stage study, the companies' inhaled insulin product lowered diabetics' blood sugar levels as effectively as traditional injected insulin.

Lilly's product is a few steps behind a competing system being developed by Pfizer Inc. and Sanofi-Aventis as an alternative to daily needle-pricks for millions of diabetics. Pfizer and Sanofi have posted positive results from late-stage trials of their Exubera product and filed an application with regulators to sell the system, though concerns about lung safety have previously delayed approval.

About 80 percent of the participants in the Lilly study, all type 1 diabetics, said they preferred using the inhaled insulin at mealtime instead of injections. People with type 1, or juvenile, diabetes usually produce little to no insulin on their own and have to inject insulin multiple times a day.

Patients on the inhaled system and those taking the injected insulin had nearly identical average blood sugar levels over three months, the companies said.

Separately, Lilly noted that an early-stage study showed the inhaled insulin product delivers a dose similar to an injection of insulin lispro, a quick-acting insulin product that many diabetics take before meals.

The Lilly/Alkermes system uses a powdered form of insulin that is delivered using a pulmonary drug delivery technology developed by Alkermes.



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Participants will receive an e-mail message, asking them to provide an update on their wellness progress.

The INShape Indiana Web site also serves as a clearinghouse for information on programs, activities, and events from throughout the state related to nutrition, physical activity, and smoking cessation.

“The purpose of INShape Indiana is to empower individuals to adopt healthy behaviors and improve their quality of life,” said Dr. Judith A. Monroe, state health commissioner. “Ultimately, we

want to celebrate the success of those who have made the commitment to a healthy lifestyle.”

A series of incentives, including free access to the Indiana State Parks, ice skating at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, discounts on produce at Marsh, and a number of recognition ceremonies, will be used to provide motivation. Recognition programs may include such opportunities as most participants from a community or fittest business.

Daniels also announced that Indiana basketball legend George McGinnis will

serve as chairman of the Governor's Council for Physical Fitness and Sports, and Lyn St. James will be the vice chair. Colts quarterback Peyton Manning will serve as the honorary chairman.

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Lenny Kravitz starts design firm

NEW YORK (AP) — Lenny Kravitz's love of all things retro is evident in everything from his style to his sound. Now, the rocker is showcasing it in his newest venture - a design firm.

"We started about two years ago," Kravitz told Associated Press of the Miami-based Kravitz Design.

"We were quiet at first, just doing some private homes, and then moved into doing a penthouse recording studio," the 41-year-old singer said of his two partners. "(Now) we're doing hotels. We've got three or four things on the table now."

Kravitz's love of architecture and interior design is an old love.

"I was always changing things and moving things around," said Kravitz. "When I started touring 16 years ago, going around the world, I got into architecture."

But it was his opulent decor of his own homes, including one in New Orleans, that started getting notice in magazines such as *Vogue*.

"I've now been asked by people to do their homes," he said.

And what is Kravitz's signature style?

"I love things that are rooted in classic styles," he said. "You'll see quite a blend of furniture. You might see an art nouveau chair next to a chair from the '60s."

Still, Kravitz isn't completely stuck in the past when it comes to his designs.

"There's a lot of styles to it, because like in music, I'm well versed in style, so it could be completely modern, it could be classic in different styles," he said. "It has to be comfortable, it has to have sensuality to it."

The rocker expects to launch a line of Kravitz decor in the future. "We have a couple of items that I think are classic and will have an identity," he said. "They have a personality and they'll be unique."



IBE Summer Celebration's free concert

No. 1 Indiana natives Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds (left) and guitarist Reggie Griffin perform during the Music Heritage Festival II. This year WhiteLies.tv sponsored the event that took place at the American Legion Mall.

No. 2 R&B legend Chaka Khan gets help from the crowd on her 1984 hit song "Through the Fire." Khan, along with many other legendary artists, performed at the Music Heritage Festival II.

No. 3 Ronald Isley of The Isley Brothers croons the group's classic songs with his legendary high-pitched voice during the free concert. The group reunited to sing its most famous songs.

No. 4 Ernie Isley of The Isley Brothers plays his solo during the group's performance at this year's Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration. (Photos/J. Hurst)

BEBE MOORE CAMPBELL OPENS UP ON NOVEL CENTERED ON MENTAL ILLNESS

By ERICKA P. THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Bebe Moore Campbell has several novels on her resume.

Books including *Brothers and Sisters*, *Singing in the Comeback Choir* and *What You Owe Me* have garnered her accolades including being listed on the New York Times best seller list and winning an NAACP Image Award for literature.

But Campbell's latest work *72 Hour Hold* just may be her most important piece of literature to date.

A novel centered around mental illness, *72 Hour Hold* traces the struggle of Keri, a single mother seeking proper assistance for her teenage daughter Trina, who suffers from bipolar disorder. Growing tired and frustrated with the health care bureaucracy and determined to get her daughter apt treatment, Keri begins an illegal intervention journey with a radical group that models its intervention after the Underground Railroad.

Campbell recently sat down with the Recorder during her visit to Indianapolis during Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration to discuss *72 Hour Hold*.

Though *72 Hour Hold* focuses on mental illness it also deals with Keri's determination and survival to not give up on her daughter. How important is that message?

I think anytime you have a family member with a mental illness there are always two victims, the person who has the illness and the person who loves that person.

The person with the mental illness survivability depends upon the family member's determination and ability to stay focused, stay sane and not give up.

One of the things that kept Keri together was the knowledge that her child would survive and if she gave up she would fall apart.

I think it's a tradition in the African-American community for mothers to be strong, to survive, to not fall apart. To fall apart, but then put themselves back together.

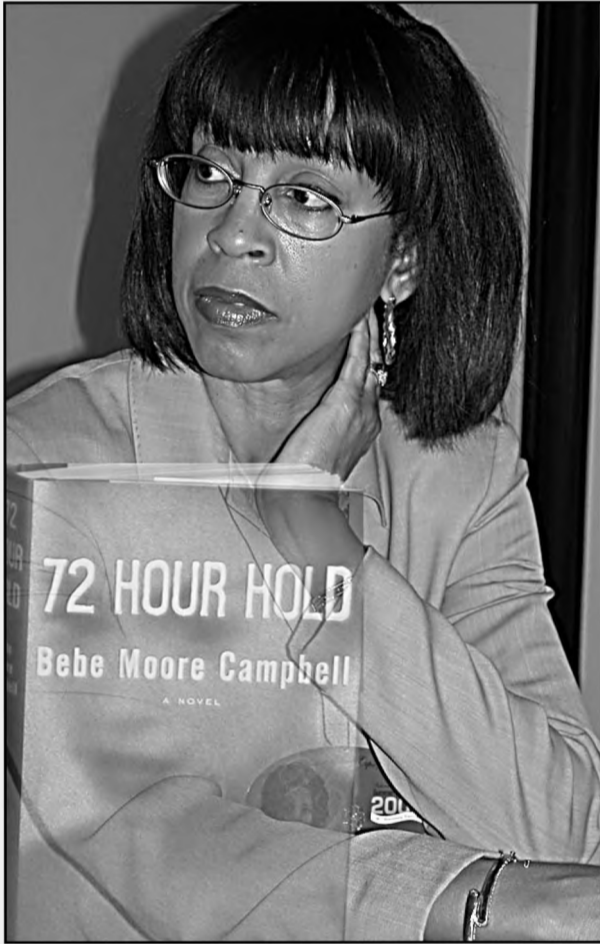
I know that you had a mentally ill family member living with you at the time you wrote *72 Hour Hold*. Do you think you would have written the novel if you didn't have a family member who had a mental illness?

No, absolutely not. I wouldn't have had the experience. I've been on the journey with my relative for about eight or nine years. Without that background I would have no knowledge of it. Before it happened to my relative I never thought about people with mental illness, I was like everybody else.

Why did you wait to introduce Trina and her mental illness?

I didn't introduce you to Trina with the

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Bebe Moore Campbell (Photo/E. Wheeler)

A CONVERSATION WITH MINT CONDITION Popular R&B band visits Indianapolis

By BRANDON A. PERRY
Staff Writer

No matter how hard you might search music stores, Internet sites or crates of "bootleg" material, you'll be hard pressed to find new music by an actual R&B band that is still a major act in the industry. So far (as it relates to the R&B genre) the 21st century has been an era of solo artists, vocal groups and rappers, not bands.

But just when it seemed like the concept of a R&B band featuring musicians who can actually make music instead of sample it was a thing of the past, Mint Condition has come to the rescue with its new album, "Livin' the Luxury Brown."

In a move to promote that album and get reacquainted with fans, Mint Condition has been touring the country and made a stop in Indianapolis last Friday. The band performed with Morris Day during Indiana Black Expo's 35th Anniversary Party at the Indiana Convention Center.

Shortly before the show, the Recorder had an opportunity to speak to Stokley Williams and Homer O'Dell, two founding members of Black music's reigning self-contained band.

"Everywhere we go, man, we appreciate

people just diggin' what we do," said Williams, Mint Condition's lead singer and drummer. "We've been here (in Indianapolis) a few times and it's always good to be back. And it's a blessing to be welcomed to Black Expo."

O'Dell said that the group, since it began its national tour in the spring, has been received warmly by audiences who are excited about their return to both the stage and the charts.

"We've been getting a lot of love everywhere, from the East Coast to the West Coast," stated O'Dell. "We've been to D.C. and San Francisco and the Oakland area a few times, for example, and people keep coming back to see us. It's been a minute and I guess we've been missed, so we definitely love being back out here."

O'Dell added that during some performances, he and the guys have noticed longtime Mint Condition followers who are bringing in new fans, including their children who are hearing '90s classics like "Pretty Brown Eyes," "U Send Me Swingin'" and "Someone to Love" for the first time.

Mint Condition's current single, "I'm Ready," is being played heavily on radio formats across the nation, including 106.7 (WTLC-FM) in Indianapolis. "Livin' the

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REVIEW

Lina finds her 'Inner Beauty'

By LESLIE WILLS
Recorder Intern

Hidden Beach Recordings artist Lina recently released her 18-track sophomore album titled "The Inner Beauty Movement." The album is a refreshing break from the

poppy, hip-hoppy R&B albums of Ciara and Usher.

"The Inner Beauty Movement" has an old-school feeling, some songs reach back to the sound of the big band era of the 1930s.

Lina's CD hits on a number of different topics including

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Lenny Kravitz

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love, dependency in relationships, loving yourself and break ups. Her voice changes ranges sounding like varying artists from Anita Baker to Erykah Badu.
The first song on Lina's album is "My Fix." The song's message is very clear all she needs is her man and everything will work out fine. "I just want my papa, he's my fix and that's what I need," is sung over a big band accompaniment.
Another song that really grabbed my attention is "Hope, Wish and Pray." The second time I listened to the CD thinking of how I'd write my review I found myself singing along because the song embodied the way that I feel in my current relationship. "I hope, wish and pray that I never see the day that you should walk away, cause that would take my sun away, my world away."
Lina's album is one that you can play from beginning to end without having to skip any songs that ruin the flow. Her sound and lyrics are strong and she doesn't need anyone on her album to help her through it. She does however, have two featured

artists - Anthony Hamilton and spoken word artist Big Rube.
The song "Story Goes" begins with an orchestra opening similar to Ray Charles' "Georgia." A piano and drum beat are added as she begins to sing about people spending more time on being an individual instead of coming together as one. I was amazed at how she managed to find a beautiful approach to the pain and void in African-American communities.
Lina said that the title of her album was inspired by her mother and grandmother's words of wisdom and self-acceptance.
"My grandmother said that when you embrace your inner struggle, a light will shine," Lina said. "And the light represents the real beauty inside of you."
Lina is another very talented artist, able to sing in seven different languages, that flies under the radar because her songs don't have strong drum beats or feature Ludacris and Lil' Jon. But, "The Inner Beauty Movement" is definitely a CD that everyone should have in his or her music collection.

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disease fully blown because I wanted you to care about her and see her potential.
Before Trina is diagnosed with bipolar disorder she was an A student on her way to Brown University on a National Merit Scholarship. Throughout the novel Keri holds on to hope that one day she will be normal again and therefore be able to attend college, but the truth is she will not. What is the message to parents that have that same hope for their child?

Acceptance. You really have to learn to accept it with grace. You also have to find your way (of getting through that).
For Keri it came through a support group that she joined. I formed a support group with other women who had mentally ill relatives and then got involved with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, which is an advocacy group that is 26 years old.

Though Keri did a lot of things on her own she had a lot of support. She had Gloria, Mattie, Bethany, Frances and Orlando. She had people where she could be herself and lay her burden down.

What was your goal in writing 72 Hour Hold?
I think for me to say that I have someone in my family with a mental illness opens up the door for other people to say she's talking about it, maybe I can talk about it. If I'm talking about it maybe I can get help for myself and for my loved one.

It's a hard journey. There is no instantaneous cure, these diseases are not curable but they are controllable with proper medication and the proper psychotherapy.

Was writing the novel therapeutic?
I think my therapy came before and got me to the point where I could write the book.

'What time is it'



Morris Day and the Time perform during the Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration's 35th Anniversary Party at the Sagamore Ballroom inside the Indiana Convention Center. Morris Day (above left) and Jerome put on a classic performance.



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Usher opens camp for young performers

ATLANTA (AP) — Usher, who began singing at age 6, has opened a summer camp to help some other prodigies-in-training.

Usher Raymond, the 26-year-old R&B star, dropped by for the first day of Camp New Look, an Atlanta program he recently started for minority youth in his home city. One hundred-fifty campers aged 8 to 18 camped at Clark Atlanta University for two weeks, honoring their specialties - either singing, dancing, or basketball - and learning about the respective industries.

"This is truly about learning the business side," Usher said. "You're not going to learn it all overnight, but maybe, just maybe, you'll learn enough to change your life."

The children also sit in on panels and discussion sessions with agents, managers and sports executives to learn the financial side of entertainment and sports. Guest teachers include Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony and Atlanta Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall.

Their lessons will be put to the test July 23, when they are expected to coordinate a charity celebrity basketball game and headline the halftime show.

The camp, Usher said, will be the first of many summers where kids are pushed to aim higher than just playing for a basketball team, but owning one. The singer is co-owner of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers.

Usher also asked the kids and counselors to treat him like a family member - albeit one with a burly bodyguard and a camera crew for an unnamed TV project following his every move.



Usher Raymond

Animals and All That Jazz series at zoo

Special to The Recorder

IU Medical Group's Animals and All That Jazz concert series at the Indianapolis Zoo continues for an 18th season with a special "Tribute to the Women of Jazz."

Some of the area's best jazz artists take the stage on consecutive Thursday nights through Aug. 18. Concerts begin at 5:30 p.m. and are included with regular zoo admission - \$11.50 for adults and \$7 for seniors (age 62+) and youth (ages 2-12).

Members are free.

The musical experience takes place in the Café on the Commons Plaza next to the lemur and flamingo exhibit. The shaded brick plaza offers a pleasant outdoor atmosphere with lots of seating at tables for dinner. Guests may also bring lawn chairs to the concerts. Cool Dude - the world's hippest polar bear - and some real animal friends will entertain the young ones until 7 p.m.

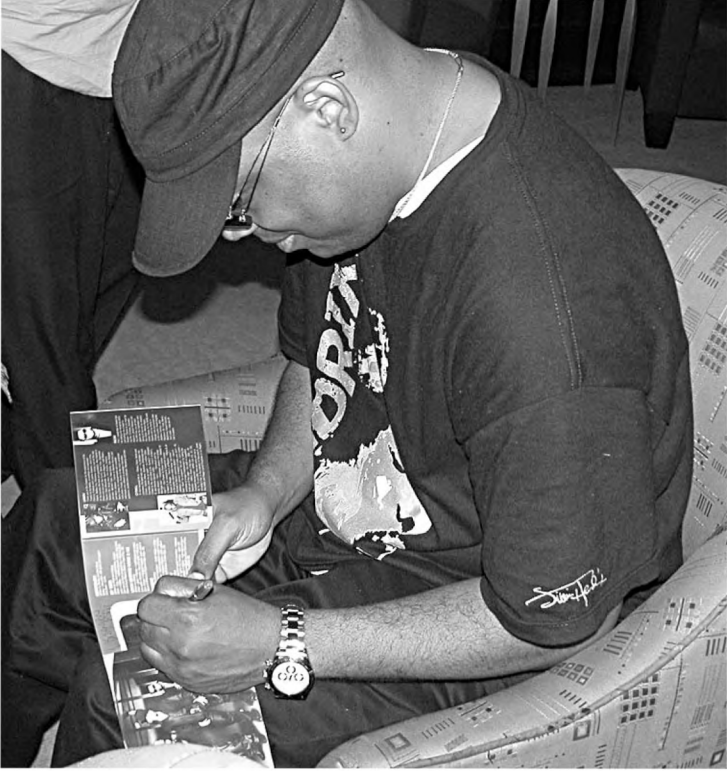
Each concert features special food and beverage options from Crystal Catering, the zoo's catering service. Table reservations and catering packages are also available by calling (317) 630-2013. During inclement weather, the concerts take place inside the Kroger Party Pavilion tent.

Artists for the remaining 2005 "Tribute to Women of Jazz" concert series include:

- July 28 - Cynthia Layne & Friends
- Aug. 4 - Jan Aldridge Clark Group
- Aug. 11 - Mary Moss and Friends
- Aug. 18 - Cathy Morris & Collage



Left: Mint Condition was among other performers at the 35th Anniversary Party. The group's lead singer Stokley Williams performed music from their new album and a few of their hit classics. Right: Before their performance, Mint Condition's Homer O'Dell autographs the groups newest album. (Photos/E. Wheeler)



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Luxury" is the ensemble's first studio recording since the 1999 project "Life's Aquarium," which did not receive the commercial acclaim that many critics felt it deserved.

When asked about the band's activities during their six-year hiatus, Williams replied, "Living man, just living." Within that time frame, group members have devoted their energy to raising families and enhancing themselves personally by taking time off to travel, learn foreign languages, fly planes and even study physics.

Williams said they also continue to concentrate on developing newly discovered talent through their own independent recording label, Caged Bird Records. The band, he noted, is glad to have its own company because they are able to experiment more with an interesting fusion of musical styles, which is reflected on their new release.

"We're just trying to get a good business team together and watch corporate downsizing in the (recording) industry so we can find out where we fit in all of that," he said.

Today Mint Condition still has five of its original members, including Williams, O'Dell, bass player Ricky Kinchen, keyboardist Larry Waddell and saxophonist Jeffrey Allen.

The sixth original player, keyboard player Keri Lewis, left the band shortly after marrying singer Toni Braxton in 2001.

"We actually talked to him a couple of weeks ago and he and Toni are doing good," Williams said. "They're out promoting their thing. They've got their own label and they're doing the same thing we're doing, just on that end. He's an incredible producer so he's doing well."

Mint Condition got its start in the busy Minneapolis music scene of the late 1980s, which included acts such as Prince, Morris Day and the Time and the SOS Band. Members were inspired by everyone from Earth, Wind and Fire and the Barkays, to Miles Davis and rock bands like Led Zeppelin.

Ironically, although the men of Mint Condition pride themselves on being able to write and play their own music as a band, they are

not distraught about the increased use of computerized technology in place of real instruments.

"With music and with life period, technology always rules," said Williams. "People who are behind in technology will get left behind in general. You see kids coming up learning computers, and that's where the future is. It's kind of like when we started out with vinyl records then we had Walkmans, CDs and now MP3s."

"But as far as the kind of music that we present, I think there's a place for it, especially right now because you hear so much of the same thing," he continued. "Hopefully there will be more of a balance, which is what we're trying to bring to the game. A lot of stuff is computer generated, which is some of what we do too. But mostly, we come from a place of this real organic musicianship."

Although Mint Condition has opened for and played with many popular artists, there is still one artist that they would love to have the chance to work with: Prince.

"It would be lovely to rock

the stage with him, just to have that pressure on you because you've gotta' be on top of your game in everything and every night when you play for him, especially if you're the opening act," said O'Dell, who did have an opportunity to provide background vocals on Prince's "Musicology" album. "If you're not tight they're going to talk about you. It would be nice just to get the experience from him and learn because the cat knows so much."

O'Dell described Prince's Paisley Park studio in Minneapolis as "incredibly big" and "full of energy" with several projects going on at once.

In the end, Williams and O'Dell assured their devoted fans that there will be no disappointments with "Livin' the Luxury" (the title is a metaphor on the richness of African-American culture).

"I just think it's another great Mint Condition album," said O'Dell. "If you love anything from us back in the day you're really gonna' love this album because it continues the tradition."

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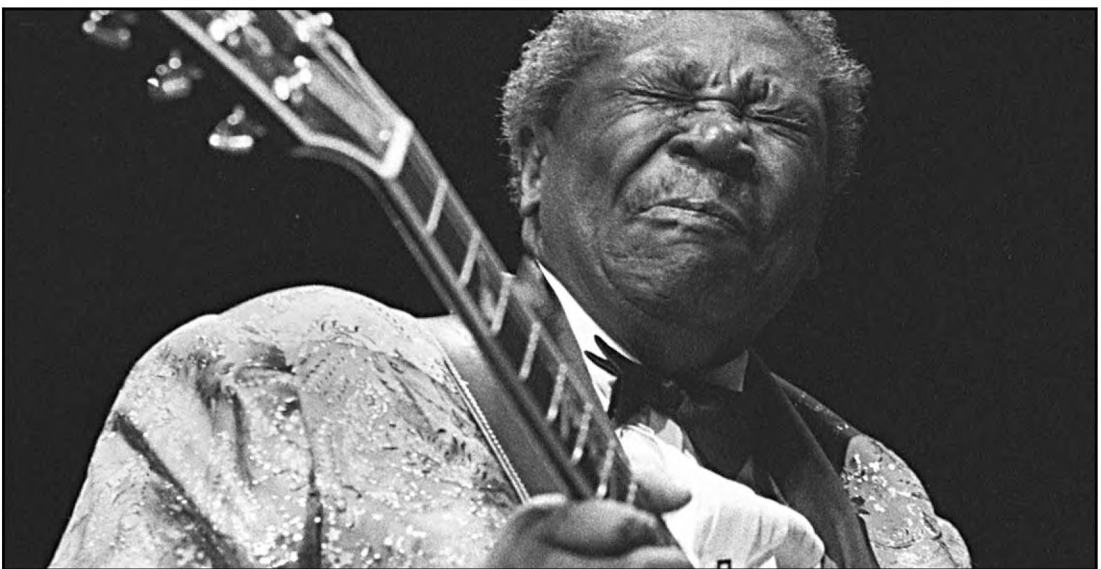
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B.B. King



B.B. King keeps busy as blues ambassador

By **SHELIA BYRD**
Associated Press Writer

Through his agile fingers, still soft despite decades of making love to the taut strings of his guitar, B.B. King becomes immersed in his music.

The high-pitched wail of the notes he coaxes out of the instrument, nicknamed Lucille, is salve to the soul of the nearly 80-year-old bluesman, who shows no signs of slowing down as he prepares to kick off a world tour.

It's been a good year for King, named by Rolling Stone magazine as the third-greatest guitarist of all time. He's recording a new album of duets with Elton John, Eric Clapton and Gloria Estefan, a memorabilia book bearing his name soon will be released, and he recently broke ground on the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretative Center in this small Mississippi Delta town.

Yet King, acclaimed around the world, still laments what he believes is a lack of respect for blues music in America, where radio stations mostly play hip-hop, pop and rock.

"We get treated poorly," he says. "I'm thinking about the younger ones, who are com-

ing along today, not B.B. We've had several superstars, like the late Stevie Ray Vaughan, like the young Robert Cray, and they don't get play. They don't get exposed."

Blues music is a historical form, inspiring rock guitarists such as Clapton and Jeff Beck, but radio stations don't consider it as commercially viable as other genres, says Anthony DeCurtis, contributing editor of Rolling Stone.

"That certainly doesn't mean it's not significant. How much jazz gets played on the radio?" DeCurtis says.

Floyd Lieberman, King's manager, says there's been a slight resurgence of the blues with the advent of XM Satellite Radio, on which King serves as Mayor of Bluesville.

The blues channel has 4 million listeners, Lieberman says, but "Jackson, Miss., stations play more blues than New York. That's the problem."

At his recent museum groundbreaking, King took a break from his fans, finding a comfortable chair to relax his hefty frame. Family and friends urged him to eat mini muffaletta sandwiches, broccoli and fruit to help control his diabetes. King gently pushed the food aside; he wanted to talk.

He reminisced about his early years, working as a laborer on a cotton plantation in the heart of the Delta. And without a hint of bitterness, he explained how difficult life was back then for the man born Riley B. King on Sept. 16, 1925.

"I was a regular hand when I was 7. I picked cotton. I drove tractors. Children grew up not thinking that this is what they must do. We thought this was the thing to do to help your family," says King, who now lives in Nevada.

The interminably humble bluesman envisions his museum, to be located at the site of the brick cotton gin where he once worked, as a conduit for Delta youth trying to escape the cycle of poverty and illiteracy. Many in the community hold King up as the standard of success.

"In the Delta, they think he can walk on water," says Carver Randle, one of King's longtime friends.

As a young boy in the 1950s, Randle remembers seeing King drive his Cadillac around Indianola when the musician was in town visiting relatives.

"There was a time when nobody, Black people or white people, cared for the blues.

And in spite of that, B.B. stuck with the blues," says Randle, now an attorney. "Anybody, whether they're in politics, law or education, would do well to just emulate what B.B. has done."

The museum, to be finished by 2007, will be a \$10 million, 18,000-square-foot edifice, showcasing the various phases of King's career with a state-of-the-art theater, a studio and artifacts. Organizers have raised about half the cost of the project through private donations, no small feat in town of about 12,000.

King's long career took off in 1948 after he performed on a radio program on KWEM out of West Memphis. He's been cutting tracks ever since, with perhaps the best-known being "The Thrill Is Gone" in 1970 or "Three O'clock Blues" in 1951.

Blues music was born out of the hardships of Black people, who sang as they worked on cotton plantations in the Mississippi Delta. King's single-note playing style sets him apart from other musicians, DeCurtis says.

"B.B. has a very specific kind of style, very lyrical. He doesn't play a lot of notes. In a slow blues arrangement, you can really hear the kind of elegance of his playing. He's not down and dirty," DeCurtis says.



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Alice Walker's 'The Color Purple' heading to Broadway

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Color Purple," a musical version of Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, is coming to Broadway.

Casting isn't complete, but the show will open Dec. 1 at the Broadway Theatre. Preview performances begin Oct. 25.

Walker's book has been adapted by Marsha Norman, author of "night, Mother," while the score is by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray.

"The Color Purple" will be directed by Gary Griffin, a Chicago-based director best known for his spare, small-scale productions of musicals such as "My Fair Lady" and "Pacific Overtures."

Griffin also won acclaim in New York for his concert versions of vintage shows such as "The New Moon" and "Pardon My English." The choreographer is Donald Byrd.

"The Color Purple" is told through the eyes of Celie, a timid young Southern woman who is raped by her father, gives birth to two children and suffers years of cruelty married to an abusive man.

Whoopi Goldberg played Celie in Steven Spielberg's 1985 screen version, which also featured Oprah Winfrey and Danny Glover.

The musical received its world premiere in Atlanta in September 2004 at the Alliance Theatre.

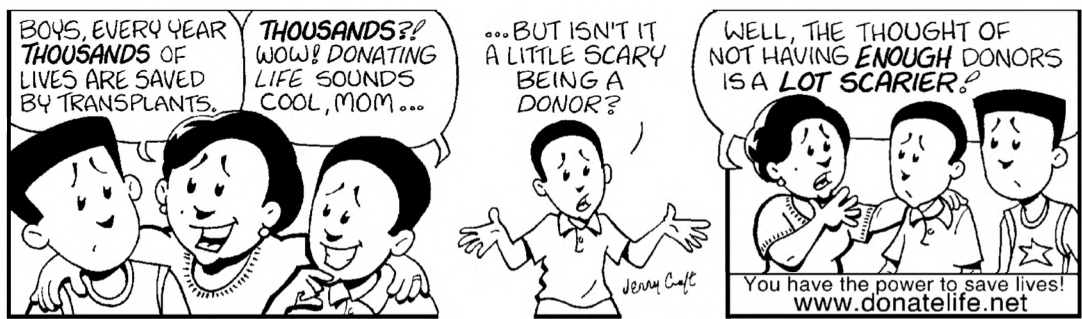
Variety called the Atlanta production "a solid, capably executed piece of musical theater ... that carefully plots Celie's terrible life journey with dignity and integrity."

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, while criticizing the "absurdities of a convoluted plot," said the musical was "a visually mesmerizing, vocally soaring, gospel-jazz-and-blues pastiche that honors the shape of Walker's epistolary text."



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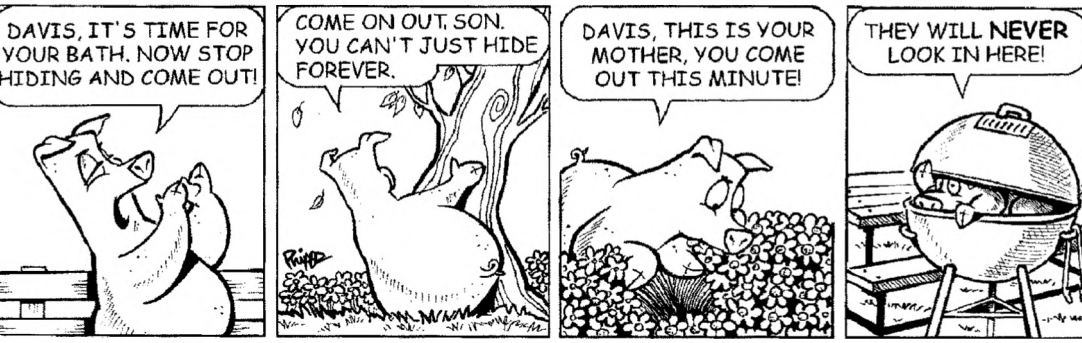
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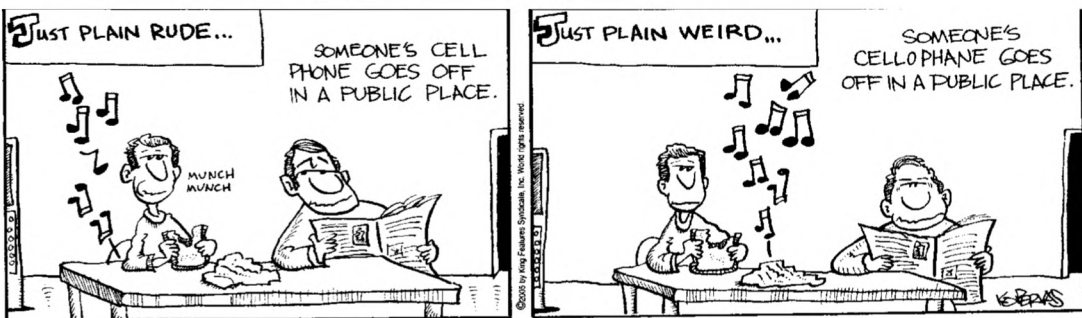
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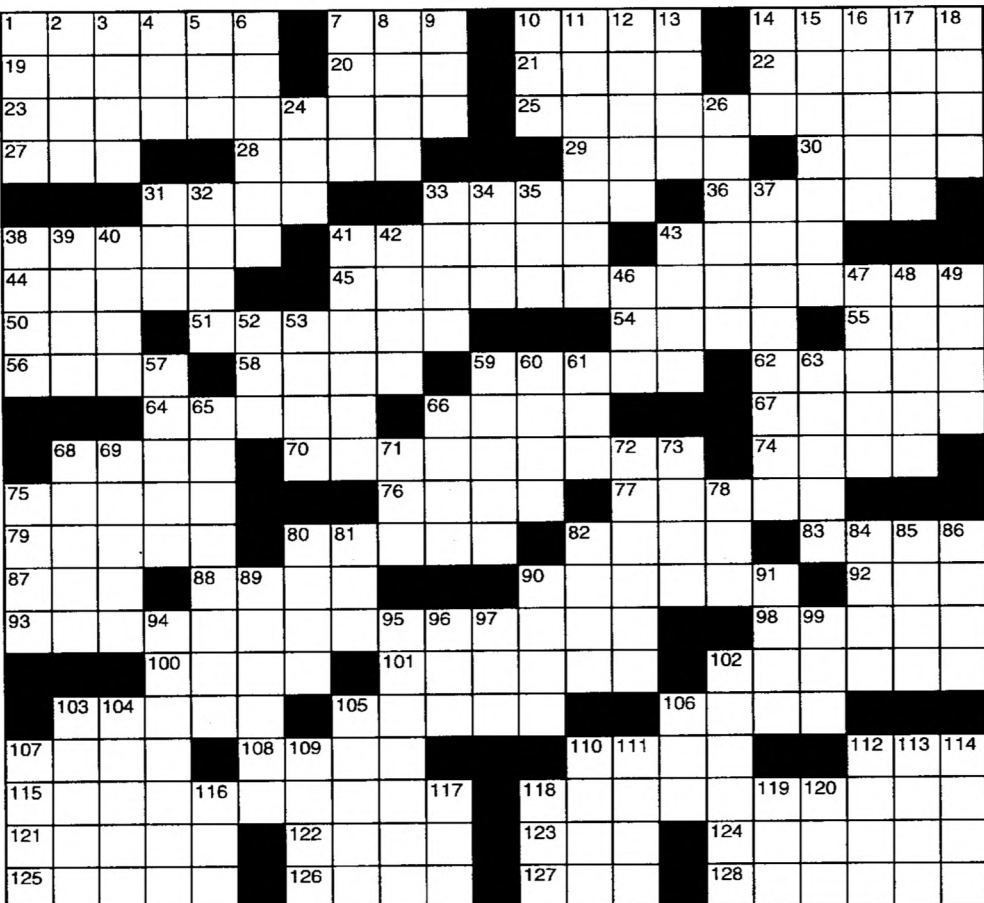


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- 28 Docile
- 29 Laugh loudly
- 30 "Comin' — the Rye"
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- 33 "The Stepford Wives" author
- 36 "Carmen" composer
- 38 Jose of "Moulin Rouge"
- 41 Rock's Iron
- 43 Jeroboam contents
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- 50 Fireplace fuel
- 51 "Rodeo," for one
- 54 — brakes
- 55 "— volente"
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- 58 Journalist Jacob
- 59 Plot
- 62 Link
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- 67 Persian, presently
- 68 Make a necklace
- 70 Part 2 of remark
- 74 Glen
- 75 Cookbook author
- 76 Yemini seaport
- 77 February forecast
- 79 Dismay
- 80 Composer Copland
- 82 Paint layer
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- 87 Sodom
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- 123 Crowd
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- 125 Correctional
- 126 Sundance's sweetie
- 127 Use a crowbar
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- 10 Make lace
- 11 Wind
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- 13 Dept. of Labor div.
- 14 Houston or Huff
- 15 Twisted treat
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- 24 Youngster
- 26 Runs circles around?
- 31 Prepare for combat
- 32 "Dragnet" star
- 33 Navel store?
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- 39 "The Time Machine" people
- 40 Frenzy
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- 47 Unimprovable
- 48 Notre Dame's river
- 49 Basil or Braxton
- 52 Joan Van —
- 53 Branch
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- 59 Bewitching bunch
- 60 Mass communication?
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- 63 Beside one-self
- 65 George Eliot novel
- 66 Change the decor
- 68 Subordinate to
- 69 Gladden
- 71 Paving material
- 72 Wagner heroine
- 73 Inspid
- 75 Spanish surrealist
- 78 Nice time of year
- 80 Sore
- 81 "So that's your game!"
- 82 Stallion's son
- 84 German auto engineer
- 85 Cheese-board choice
- 86 Cassandra or Merlin
- 89 Tony, Oscar, and Edgar
- 90 Don —
- 91 Farmer's place
- 94 Italian city
- 95 Quail feature
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- 97 Lennon's
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Separation anxiety in toddlers

From KidsHealth.org

You've always dropped off your 1-year-old child at day care without a problem - until today. She's anxious and distressed, she's clinging to you for dear life, and she's making it clear she doesn't want you to leave. She resists the teachers' attempts to calm her and seems to want nothing to do with the other kids. All she wants is you, and she screams and cries every time you try to walk out the door. Finally, you make one last attempt to comfort her and head to the car, feeling guilty, upset, and confused. And the same scenario plays out every day for the entire week.

Sound familiar? If so, then your toddler is experiencing separation anxiety, a normal phase of childhood development.

But even though it's perfectly normal, it can be extremely unsettling for parents. Understanding what your child is going through and having a few coping strategies in mind can go a long way toward helping both of you get through it.

Separation anxiety is just one of the many different stages of behavioral growth your child will go through, and it affects most babies and toddlers at some point in their young lives. During this stage, a child does not want to be separated from her parent and she experiences intense distress whenever her mom or dad tries to leave her with someone else.

Separation anxiety usually begins between the ages of 8 months and 1 year and peaks between the ages of 1 and 2. However, the timing can vary widely from child to child. There are certain life stresses that can trigger feelings of separation anxiety: a new child care situation or caregiver, a new sibling, moving to a new place, or tension at home.

When your baby was first born, you likely noticed that she adapted pretty well to other caregivers. This is typical for most infants. As long as their needs are being met, babies younger than 8 months typically adjust well to other people.

Around 8 months to 1 year - sometimes sooner, sometimes later - this starts to change. Your baby may seem anxious around unfamiliar people and situations, and she may not want to let you out of her sight. This behavior is known as stranger anxiety. Actually this is a good sign, because your baby is starting to tell the difference between familiar and unfamiliar people.

Between 1 year and 2 years, your child is growing into a more independent toddler - yet she is even more uncertain about being separated from you. This is when separation anxiety typically develops, and your child may become agitated and upset whenever you try to leave her.

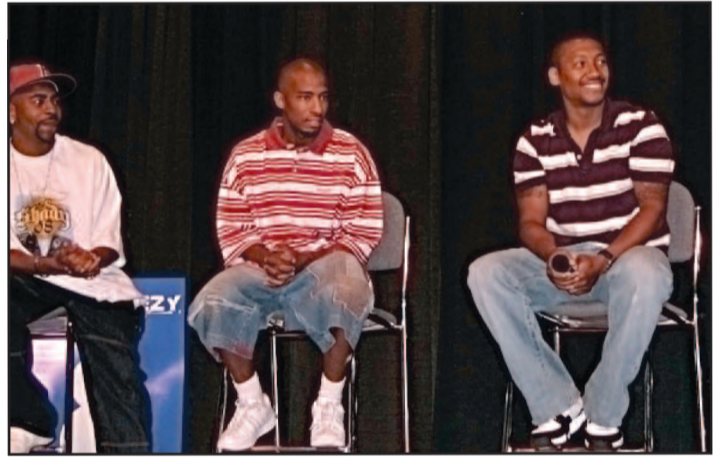


Women modeled various clothes and hairstyles during the Apple Bottoms and Vokal Fashion Show in the 500 Ballroom of the Indiana Convention Center. There was a competition between local fashion designers during the fashion show. Multi-platinum selling rapper Nelly is a co-owner of Vokal, a hip-hop clothing line, and Apple Bottoms, designed specifically for women. The event was free with admission into Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration. (Photos/C. Guynn)

Apple Bottoms and Vokal Fashion Show



Holla Back Teen Forum



Kain speaks to the audience about success and how he achieved wealth. (Photos/E. Wheeler)

The Holla Back Teen Forum featured a host of male actors speaking on a panel to Indy youth about "When I am 35...I want to be healthy, wealthy and wise." (Left to right) Ken L. of the show "The Parkers," Antwon Tanner of the movie "Coach Carter," Khalil Kain of "Girlfriends."



All smiles at Expo

Alpha Garrett (right), communications director for Indiana Black Expo, is pictured with Kristian Little (right) of Borshoff Johnson Matthews, a public relations and marketing communications firm. (Photo/J. Hurst)

Recorder at Summer Celebration



Shirl Williams (front) and Darnell Jemison diligently working at the Recorder booth inside the exhibit hall of the Indiana Convention Center.



Kay Toliver, business office assistant for the Recorder, signs up Carl Hines for a subscription.



Carolene Mays, publisher and general manager of The Indianapolis Recorder, hands Rev. Douglas Tate Sr. and his wife Sylvia a newspaper. (Photos/E. Wheeler)

2005 IBE Corporate Luncheon



James Cummings (left), one of the three founders of Expo received the Excellence Award presented by IBE Board Chairman Arvis Dawson.



Kathy Jordan (left), vice president of team development for the Indiana Pacers, accepts the Above and Beyond Award on behalf of Reggie Miller. Mark Maassel (center), president of Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and Carolyn Mosby Williams presented the award.



President George W. Bush spoke to a sold-out crowd of 3,200 about education, homeownership and the growth of entrepreneurship among Blacks at the Indiana Black Expo Corporate Luncheon at the RCA Dome last Thursday.



President George W. Bush accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award from IBE at its annual Corporate Luncheon. Left to right are Jim Cummings, Gov. Mitch Daniels, Kathy Jordan, Bush, Arvis Dawson and Joyce Rogers.



Left: The IBE Youth Entrepreneur Award was presented to Farrah Gray, a 19-year-old self-made millionaire, and author of Reallionaire-Nine Steps to Becoming Rich from the Inside Out.

Above: Jeff Smulyan (left), chairman and chief executive officer of Emmis Communications and Zemira Jones, vice president of operations for Radio One, presents a \$100,000 check to IBE for the Rev. Charles Williams Prostate Cancer Mobile Unit. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Minority business participation
Rep. Bill Crawford (center) presents the governor's office with a plan to involve minority business participation in the Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome expansion. The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus hopes to increase the mandated number of minority and women owned business for the project. (Photo/J. Hurst)

IMBM release party



Above: The Indiana Minority Business Magazine (IMBM) held its release party at the Savoy Ultra Lounge last week. Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association (right) congratulates Jeffery Clark president of IMBM on the magazine's newest release.

Right top: Demetri Snowden (left) and Rickie Clark publisher of IMBM thumb through the pages of the magazine.

Right bottom: William G. Mays (left), president of Mays Chemical Co. and Jeffery Clark discuss the magazine's content. (Photos/J. Hurst)



Employment fair



Lekiya Manzo (left) talks with a job seeker at this year's WTHR TV 13 Employment Opportunity Fair. The fair provided resume services, on-the spot testing applicant screening and interviews.



The Department of Workforce Development booth was one of the many opportunities available for probable employees at the job fair. The Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration event was held in the 500 Ballroom. (Photos/C. Guynn)

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darrylscarandtruck
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Darryl Roach

Year opened:
2003

Owner:
Darryl Roach

Number of paid employees:
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Products/services:
We customize the car interiors, engines and motors.

Significant business advances/achievements:
I started out sweeping this place when it was a transmission shop in March 1975 when I was 15. Now I own the business.

Future goals:
I want to teach young Black men and women how to do interior restoration to cars.

Why did you start this business and how has it grown?
I wanted to take care of my family so I just put all of my money together and said I was going to go out on a limb. The business has done very well. I started in 2003 and I'm up about 210 percent right now.

What were some of the obstacles you faced and how did you overcome them?
When I first started vendors didn't want to give me a chance and they made me pay cash up front, but now that I buy a lot of supplies from them they give me a credit line.

Who does your business best serve and why?
My business serves everyone. I do business with everybody because everybody is into old cars right now. It's the new fad.

How has your experience helped meet the needs of your clients?
We've (Black people) never had a custom shop in town. We'd take our business outside the city limits, but now we can keep the business in the city.

Where did you get the name of your company and does it have any significant meaning?
I just used my name and what I do. I was going to call it Darryl and Sons but I also have a daughter.



Darryl Roach, owner of Darryl's Car and Truck, works under the hood of one of his client's car in his custom automobile detail shop located at 4016 N. Keystone Ave. (Photo/L.Wills)


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Daniels backs off on job cut pledge,
saying promise was 'too broad'

(AP) — Gov. Mitch Daniels is back-
ing off a promise made by his campaign
during last year's gubernatorial race not
to cut state employee jobs in favor of
private contractors.
Daniels said recently that the pledge
was "too broad."
Last year, workers for Daniels' cam-
paign distributed fliers paid for and
authorized by the Mitch for Governor
Campaign Committee at two large state
office buildings in Indianapolis.
The fliers, which carried the headline
"State Workers Will Not Lose Their Jobs
Due to Privatization," stated that despite
"untrue claims" being made by Daniels'
opponents, he did not intend to pursue
privatization plans that would put state
workers' jobs in jeopardy.
"The truth of the matter is, no state
worker will lose his/her job due to priva-
tization in a Daniels administration,"
the flier stated.
Asked if the fact that some state
employees have lost their jobs meant
a broken campaign promise, Daniels

said the statements in the fliers were
too broad.
"I didn't see it before it went out and
that's no excuse," the governor said.
"Somebody made a statement broader
than anything I had every said."
Daniels, who defeated former Gov.
Joe Kernan in November, took office
in January.
Since then, his administration has
unveiled several initiatives to privatize
jobs previously held by state employees,
including prison food service, nursing
positions and possibly state hospitals.
Some of these changes have brought
job cuts.
For example, the company that has
taken over prison food service hired only
about 130 of the 336 state employees
previously in those positions, said In-
diana Department of Correction Com-
missioner J. David Donahue.
Of the remaining employees, some got
other correction jobs and some "elected
neither option," Donahue said.
"I think we did a better than reason-

able job on the transition," he said.
Daniels said the administration has
looked out for state employees by requir-
ing vendors to interview them.
"To say that no one any time, any
place under any circumstances, will be
dislocated was too strong a statement,"
he said. "We are going to build an efficient
government in this state. We serve the
taxpayers and we're going to serve the
intended beneficiaries of these programs
better than before."
Union officials, however, see it dif-
ferently.
Joe Lawrence with the American Fed-
eration of State, County and Municipal
Employees said the state job cuts will
end up hurting not just the former state
employees, but the entire state because
the contractors won't provide compa-
rable service.
"This is all part of a pattern from the
administration that we've seen that goes
to a lack of credibility and competence,"
he said. "They're just not being honest
with the people of Indiana."

NAACP urged to take on irresponsible companies

By HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
NNPA Washington Corre-
spondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA)
— NAACP leaders say the
96-year-old civil rights or-
ganization is holding fast to
its historic mission, but some
civil rights advocates say it
must return to its grassroots
activism in order to step up
progress for African Ameri-
cans.
"The NAACP must go
back to the basics of being
a grassroots day-to-day civil
rights organization and not
an institution that puts out
press releases, but an insti-
tution that can confront, not
only government, but also
the private sector to live up
to its moral obligations," says
Donna Brazile, a respected
political strategist who at-
tended the organization's
convention in Milwaukee.
"We have to have a parallel
strategy to confront all of
those with power and influ-
ence over our daily lives.
It's time that (corporations)
give back and understand
that they also play a role in
the economic growth and
development of the Black
community."
In order to hold private sec-
tor businesses accountable,
the NAACP must cut some
of its corporate ties and be-
come more independent and
financed by its own members,
says Julia Hare, co-founder of
the Black Think Tank, based
in San Francisco.
"We'll go and we'll have
those conventions and these
meetings and have corpora-

tions to finance them, the
same corporations that you're
going to have to go to and
say, 'Wait a minute, what
about your hiring policies?
What about your reparations
policies?' says Hare. "We go
to the fanciest white hotels
to sit inside and discuss Black
poverty and white racism
and the racists have funded
you. No other group would
depend on the person they
are trying to get their freedom
from for sponsorship...Who-
ever is paying those bills for
you, whoever is funding you,
they're going to call the shots
and rightfully so."
Major corporations fre-
quently underwrite the con-
ventions and activities of
Black organizations. Among
the NAACP corporate spon-
sors this year were Wachovia
Bank, Bank of America,
Southland Corp., Hilton and
Marriott.
In the NAACP 2005 Eco-
nomic Reciprocity Initiative
(ERI) industry report cards,
released during the conven-
tion, the five industries—lodg-
ing, telecommunications,
financial services, general
merchandising and automo-
tive—all earned only average
and below average scores.
Corporations are graded
on Black participation in
vending, board of directors,
property ownership, and
financial giving to Black or-
ganizations.
Both Hilton and Marriott,
among sponsors of this year's
convention, scored highest
among lodging corporations
with each receiving only a
B-.

Verizon, where new
NAACP President and CEO
Bruce Gordon won wide
acclaim for his Black hiring
efforts before his retirement
two years ago, got an overall
grade of B on the current
report card.
Gordon says when he was
at Verizon, the corporation
got a C on the NAACP corpo-
rate report card and he helped
to get it up to a B.
Gordon, who begins his
new job Aug. 1, says he
disagrees with Hare that a
corporation can control the
NAACP just because it is a
corporate sponsor. But there
should be repercussions for
companies that consistently
refuse to respond or do poorly
on the corporate report card,
he says.
"B" is not a bad grade,
it's just not a good enough
grade. So, should I punish
a company that consistently
gets Bs? Absolutely not. Why
would I do that? Particularly
when there are some compa-
nies that are getting poorer
grades or not participating,"
says Gordon. "My first priority
is addressing the companies
that get Fs because what
they are effectively saying is,
'We don't care'...If I find that
there's a company year after
year, which refuses to submit
a grade or submit informa-
tion, then that means it's time
to talk to the membership of
the organization or talk to
the community and tell them
that these could very well be
companies with whom we
should not do business."
During the civil rights
movement, a large part of

the street mobilization came
from the Black church, work-
ing hand-in-hand with the
NAACP. The NAACP must
return to partnership to be at
its most powerful, says Har-
vard law professor Charles
Ogletree.
"We see Black church lead-
ers sort of going out on their
own on many issues and no
longer seem to be as support-
ive of the NAACP as they did
during the civil rights move-
ment," Ogletree says.
While NAACP Chairman
Julian Bond told the conven-
tion audience that the next
Supreme Court justice to
replace retiring Sandra Day
O'Connor will be the highest
priority of the NAACP over
the next several months,
long-time civil rights attorney
Thomas Todd says education
seems forgotten.
"They talk about all these
other things, and that's good.
I don't have any problems
with that, but, the key in this
country is still education,"
says Todd.
Among the most impor-
tant goal for all civil rights
organizations must be to con-
nect with the next generation
of civil rights leaders, says
Marc Morial, president and
CEO of the National Urban
League. "We have to connect
with an emerging genera-
tion, speak to their needs, to
their hopes, speak to their
aspirations. That is our most
important challenge."
Morial says civil rights
groups must also work to-
gether.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

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Guidant issues warning for
28,000 pacemakers

(AP) — Guidant Corp.
warned physicians this week
that replacements might be
needed for nine pacemaker
models made between 1997
and 2000, of which some
28,000 remain implanted
in patients worldwide.
The Indianapolis-based
company released a warn-
ing that says a sealing com-
ponent in the models has
degraded in some cases,
which can result in higher-
than-normal moisture in
the pacemaker and cause
malfunctions.
The company said about
78,000 of the devices were
distributed, with about
18,000 of them remaining
in U.S. patients.
Guidant said that it has
identified 69 failures among
the pacemakers - all after
they had been used for at
least 44 months. The models
include: Pulsar Max, Pulsar,
Discovery, Meridian, Pulsar

Max II, Discovery II, Virtus
Plus II, Intelis II, and Con-
tak TR.
The company told physi-
cians they should consider
replacing the devices for pa-
tients who are dependent on
the pacemakers, which send
electrical pulses to the heart
to regulate its rhythm.
Several patients have lost
consciousness or developed
possible heart failure, the
company said. The state-
ment reported the death
of one person whose pace-
maker possibly failed, but
Guidant said the device was
not returned for testing.
The company said it
would replace the pacemak-
ers at no charge through
the end of the year, even
though the warranty on
many has expired. Guidant
will also reimburse patients
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expenses.

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FEVER

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Catchings was also named the WNBA Player of the Week Tuesday, which is her seventh honor and the second of this season.

She is the only player in the league ranked in the top 10 in scoring (15.5), rebounding (7.4), assists (4.5) and steals (2.8).

Though the Fever have created space between themselves and other teams in the conference, Catchings says they must stay to focus if they want to make a second trip into the post season.

"We always do well early, then we seem to go downhill," she said. "The biggest thing is staying focused, take

ARTEST

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With one of the best all-around players in the league back on an already talented roster, there are high hopes that the Pacers can join Miami and Detroit among the Eastern Conference elite.

"I admire the kid," Pacers president Larry Bird said. "Not for what he did, but how he's come back and he's worked and he's done things to improve himself. I look for a great year out of him."

Physically, he looked like he never missed a game. His trademark sculpted physique was there, as was the intensity in his eyes and the tirelessness of his work ethic. But he labored a little bit midway through the first half, breathing heavily and wound up with five turnovers.

"Mentally I felt rusty because I haven't been out there in so long," Artest said. "I was thinking, 'Just take your time.' I was trying to approach it like a playoff game where you have to be poised."

Artest hit the first shot he took, a 3-pointer from the left elbow and scored 11 points in the first quarter.

He began to tire as the first half wore on, allowing an easy drive to the basket by Dion Glover, and forcing a few shots on the offensive end.

"I think he was a little nervous,"

care of business and try and win some more games."

Indiana is 3-0 since the All-Star break and Catchings is leading her team – finally having found her way out of shooting slump – and has averaged 19.6 points, 9.3 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 4.3 steals.

"I was settling for just shooting (jump shots)," Catchings told USA Today. "People were leaving me open, but if you're not shooting well, it doesn't matter if people are leaving you open or not. In the last couple of games I've just tried to be patient and get to the basket if I can."

said Pacers assistant Dan Burke, who is coaching the summer league team. "He was pressing a little bit. I sensed he was jittery. I can't blame him. Even though it's summer league, it's a big step for him."

But all in all, Artest looked similar to the player who won the defensive player of the year award in 2004, and just as mischievous.

During one Rockets possession in the second quarter, Artest leaped out to the corner to try and block a 3-point attempt by David Bluthenthal. Artest slapped Bluthenthal on the arm as he let the shot go and it swished through without a foul being called.

Artest flashed a devilish smile and headed back up court, clearly happy to be where he feels he belongs.

Afterward, he was hesitant to talk much about his punishment or that fateful night, instead focusing on the future.

"I'm not trying to think about happened," he said. "I just want to move on."

"I think I missed him more than he missed us," Bird joked.

Not likely.

RCA Championships



Above: Donald Young, a 16-year-old competitor was defeated by 28-year-old veteran Jan-Michael Gambillin during this week's RCA Championships held in Indianapolis. Many tennis experts say Young is the one to watch as far as future successes.

Right: American crowd favorite James Blake failed to end a run of first-round defeats in his last two matches when he lost the show-case contest at the RCA Championships Monday night. (Photos/J. Hurst)

MERIT

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Syracuse, they'd tell you the same thing about Carmelo Anthony."

One-year college players such as Marvin Williams and Anthony, who went to Denver with the third pick in the 2003 draft after leading the Orange to an NCAA title, could become more common under the NBA's new minimum age limit. The rule requires prep players to wait at least one season after their high school class graduates before entering the draft.

Proponents say the new age limit will help prevent young players such as Indianapolis' Greg Oden, widely touted as the No. 1 college recruit this year, from making poor decisions and give them a chance to experience college before turning pro. He will attend Ohio State.

But some aren't convinced a short-timer is worth the investment, even for a team that needs to rebuild quickly.

"Some coaches would say they would take a kid for one year," said Arizona coach Lute Olson, who lost four starters,

including three underclassmen, after falling to Duke in the 2001 national championship game. "But it's really difficult to do that for a program. I look at the program as being more important than one person."

Critics say the new rule has potential pitfalls.

Not all high school players will go to college. Players could opt for prep school, where their weaknesses may not be exposed; the NBDL, the NBA's developmental league where they would earn less money; or even European basketball, where they could sign lucrative contracts and endorsement deals.

And one-year players might lack academic dedication, which could affect a program's annual academic progress.

The NCAA's new academic measuring stick awards programs one point per semester for each player who is academically eligible and another point each semester for those who remain in school.

Fever continue win streak



Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings fouls Detroit's Cheryl Ford on her way to the basket. Catchings was named the WNBA's Player of the Week for the second time this season. (Photo/W. Thomas)

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

The Indiana Fever hasn't played this well since...well, ever.

After defeating the Detroit Shock for the third time this season 59-58 Sunday afternoon, Indiana improved to 11-6 continuing its best start in franchise history. They moved to five games above .500 for the first time in its history.

At Recorder press time the Fever were firmly holding down second place in the Eastern Conference, 2.5 games behind first place Connecticut.

"Any of our three games with Detroit could have gone the other way," Fever coach Brian Winters said after the team's victory at the Palace of Auburn Hills. "We went to overtime with them in our first win, and we've gone to the wire with them twice in the past three days. We have to feel good about beating another good team three times

in a row."

Going down to the wire, Fever rookie guard Tan White missed two free throws with four seconds remaining but Tamika Catchings tipped the rebound off of the second miss to White who proceeded to dribble out the clock.

Winters called the play, "intelligent."

"(Tan) had the presence of mind to get out of the lane and dribble away from another foul to stop the clock," he said. "That was intelligent play, and it is the little things like that that win ball games."

Indiana forced the Shock into a season-high 24 turnovers, matching the same figure Detroit had two nights ago in Indianapolis. It was Indiana's third straight game to force at least 24 turnovers, and its third consecutive game holding its opponent under 60 points.

Catchings led the Fever with 21 points while Cheryl Ford led the Shock with 18.

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GAME POINTS



Thanks for teaching me

By **ERICKA P. THOMPSON**
Staff Writer

This is it.

The last Game Points Josh and I will write or rather, argue together.

I hate to say it, but since this is the finale I'll tuck my pride in the back pocket of my Chip & Pepper jeans to say that I've actually learned a lot from Josh while writing this column.

I know it sounds strange coming from me since I've won 90 percent of our arguments but it's the truth.

Josh helped me to consider other opinions besides my own.

Before we began writing Game Points I was stubborn with my opinion and didn't feel it was necessary to listen intently to someone else's point of view, especially his.

That was actually how the column began. Josh and I argued loud and often mostly because I refused to listen to what he had to say. I was always right, why listen?

Needless to say, 90 percent isn't 100 percent so I wasn't always as bright as I thought I was.

There were many instances while we were discussing the important happenings in sports and I would hot headedly spew out my opinion and Josh would calmly prove me wrong.

Not often but more than I appreciated.

Josh also educated me on baseball.

Though I'm still learning I know who plays what position, what a baseball pennant is, why there are so many doggone games, the top baseball players at their position and I know enough about the St. Louis Cardinal's to feel comfortable entering a trivia contest (only if it's multiple choice).

Josh and I may not argue again in print but I guarantee there will be plenty more face-to-face disputes. I will miss our everyday banter.

Last predictions: Trust me when I say the Golden State Warriors will be the surprise team in the NBA next season. They ended the season winning seven of their final 10 games including three in a row. I know that doesn't sound impressive but with Jason Richardson, Troy Murphy, Mike Dunleavy, Baron Davis, and rookie Chris Taft, things are looking up.

I also believe that the Indianapolis Colts will beat New England this season though the Patriots will probably win another Super Bowl.

Finally, I'm going to stand firm with the comments I made Nov. 19 and say Ron Artest will not be an Indiana Pacer. I like him but he's too much of a liability and I know Larry Bird knows it too.

Stay tuned next week because I'll be back though without my partner in argument.

Lessons learned

By **JOSHUA COHEN**
Staff Writer

I have some bad news for fans of Game Points. This will be my last point as I am leaving the Recorder this week. Like other greats before me, Barry Sanders, Michael Jordan (the first time) and Jim Brown, I am leaving at the top of my game.

Yes I know, you are probably very upset at this but don't worry, Ericka has learned a lot from me this past year and a half and I am confident she'll be able to hold it down by herself.

Speaking of learning, I learned a lot from my nemesis this time also. Through Ericka's Game Points, I've seen a few things that I never thought about before. She showed me quite a lot about sports.

First, Ericka argues when anyone says women shouldn't be talking about sports. While we disagree almost every day on something, she still knows what she's talking about (usually).

Second she has shown me about football. I grew up a baseball and basketball player and fan, but I never got into the sport of football. I knew about it of course, and I played it in the playgrounds some with friends but I never watched it or was a fan until talking with Thompson.

I also learned more about baseball because of Thompson. When I got the rare opportunity to write about it in Game Points, since she didn't know much about it at all I not only had to be completely on point with my point, but I also had to be able to answer every question she asked me.

Finally, I learned that when Ericka makes a prediction, you should listen. I didn't give her much credit in the beginning because it seemed to me that she was just talking and I knew what I was talking about. However after a few (quite a few) of her calls were proven right, well I had to take notice and listen. Thank you, Ericka.

Last predictions: The Bulls, as sad as I am to say this, won't be as good next season. The league will catch up to them and they're not experienced enough to adjust completely. Look for a seven or eight seed. The breakout rookie for the NBA? Watch Wayne Simien on Miami. The Cardinals will make the World Series again and while they won't win, they will at least win a few games this time. New England will win the Super Bowl again.

Michelle Wie will win a PGA event before the end of the year. And finally, Ron Artest will not finish the year as an Indiana Pacer. Thank you to those who read Game Points every week and whether you agreed or not, I hope I informed and entertained you.

Artest relishes return to competition

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Shortly after Ron Artest knocked down his third jumper in four shots at the Minnesota summer league, one fan in the sparse crowd at Target Center leaped up to boldly proclaim, "Ron is back!"

It was easily heard in the near-empty arena, and the Indiana Pacers couldn't be happier.

The embattled forward returned to competitive action last Friday for the first time since being suspended for his role in the now infamous brawl with Detroit Pistons fans on Nov. 19.

Artest had 23 points on 8-of-15 shooting, four steals and four rebounds in 35 minutes of a 72-64 loss to Houston.

"It's been 73 games plus the playoffs, and finally to get back in front of some referees, that felt pretty good," Artest said.

Artest missed the final 73 games of the regular season and all of the playoffs for fighting with fans in a frightening scene at the Palace. After tussling with Ben Wallace, Artest bolted into the stands after a fan who he thought hit him in the face with a cup.

The impending melee has been replayed endlessly on national television. Commissioner David Stern reacted swiftly and harshly, suspending Artest for the remainder of the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games, and Jermaine

O'Neal for 25, which was later reduced to 15.

Now, Artest is trying to put that all behind him, playing with a group of rookies, unproven veterans and free agent journeymen in front of a smattering of fans in the NBA's summer league.

"It's great to see him in a uniform," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's been a long time. This is a significant step, him being here, being back with the team."

Even without Artest, Indiana gave the Pistons all they could handle, losing in six games in the Eastern Conference semifinals last season.

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Celebrity basketball game

The Edgerrin James Foundation and Amp Harris Productions held their annual Saving Our Youth Celebrity Basketball Game inside the RCA Dome during Indiana Black Expo Summer Celebration. The game featured a host of local and national celebrities. (Photo/E. Wheeler)



Boxing showcase

Indianapolis native and WBO heavyweight champion Lamon Brewster is surrounded by ring girls. Brewster displays his Eagle Achievement Award during the Indiana Black Expo's "I am...a Champion" Boxing Showcase.

Sherwin Davis (left) lands a right hook to the face of Nelson Manchego knocking him out during the boxing showcase. (Photos/J. Hurst)

College coaches debate merits of recruiting 'one-year' players

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

Roy Williams spent three years recruiting Marvin Williams, but coached him for just one season before the freshman forward left Chapel Hill, N.C., for the NBA.

The North Carolina coach considers himself lucky to have coached Williams at all. In Marvin Williams' only college season, he helped the Tar Heels win a national championship and went on to become the No. 2 pick in the NBA draft.

"If you ask Roy Williams or our staff or our fans, they're glad Marvin came to school for one year," Roy Williams said. "I'm sure if you asked the same people at

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